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This 1996 Kids Count data book presents data on 20 indicators of child well-being in Kansas, grouped into 6 areas: economic well-being, physical health and safety, educational achievement, early childhood care and education, emotional well-being, and social behavior and social control. The data are grouped by county for each indicator, by indicator for each county, and by indicator for the state as a whole. The report indicates that data improved in eight areas: (1) high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education/training; (2) births to mothers with less than a high school degree; (3) Head Start participation; (4) births with early prenatal care; (5) childhood death rate; (6) infant mortality; (7) use of drugs by youth; and (8) availability of licensed child care. However, data worsened in six other areas: (1) births to single teens; (2) low birth weight babies; (3) students graduating high school; (4) teen violent deaths; (5) juvenile arrests; and (6) children approved for free school meals. (EAJ)

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FOREWORD

Ideas, traditions and values are woven together as unseen threads. Patterns begin to take shape. As time moves forward, a large unseen tapestry forms different designs weaving throughout our communities.

Some of these designs are the threads which the 1996 *KANSAS KIDS COUNT Data Book* measures; what trends or patterns are our children of Kansas facing? The twenty indicators attempt to measure the patterns which have developed and are developing. A few of the everyday patterns our children face include teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol use, educational opportunities, educational failure, economic struggles and health issues.

Some patterns continue to weave a nice design for the children of Kansas as they have the past few years. Educational pursuits after high school graduation continue to grow as more students strive to improve their future economic opportunities. Childhood death rates for children 1-14 continue decreasing as more attention is focused on safety issues.

Within individual communities, designs have formed which are unique to their children. The patterns may or may not look like the state's. Communities should ask if the weave of their patterns are forming the design they want for their children. If so, then continuation of the pattern should be applauded. If a community does not like the design forming, then the pattern needs to be altered.

As the tapestry of the state continues to be woven, this is the first time a *KANSAS KIDS COUNT Data Book* has shown an equal number of conditions worsening as the number of conditions getting better. In the past books, the number of worsening trends always exceeded the number of improving trends. It is hoped that this is the beginning of a new design for the children of Kansas.

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OVERVIEW OF INDICATORS AND SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Twenty indicators were selected for the *1996 KANSAS KIDS COUNT Data Book*. These indicators were grouped into six areas: Economic Well-Being, Physical Health and Safety, Educational Achievement, Early Childhood Care and Education, Emotional Well-Being, and Social Behavior and Social Control.

Two indicators have returned to the 1996 data book: Youth Who Have Ever Used Drugs Other Than Alcohol and Use of Alcohol by Youth. This information is important to Kansas communities in order to be aware of the extent of this illegal and serious risk taking behavior by youth. The Use of Alcohol by Youth helps show the number of youth who are drinking alcohol beyond an initial experimental time.

Reported and confirmed child abuse and neglect figures were not reported in the *1995 KANSAS KIDS COUNT Data Book* for the 1993 year due to underrecording of cases. This appears to happen more often in smaller counties. The decision was made to provide child abuse data on the indicator pages in the 1996 *KANSAS KIDS COUNT Data Book*. The data is not presented on the county pages because it appears that reporting problems still exist in many counties. However, the reporting of data is improving and more reliability is in the overall state figure and the more populated counties.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

Current year data for the *1996 KANSAS KIDS COUNT Data Book* show improvement in eight areas: High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training, a 6 percent improvement; Births to Mothers with Less Than a High School Degree, a 3 percent improvement; Head Start Participation, a 4 percent improvement; Births with Early Prenatal Care, a 4 percent improvement; Childhood Death Rate, a 9 percent improvement; Infant Mortality, a 12 percent improvement; Use of Drugs by Youth, a 17 percent improvement; and the Availability of Licensed Child Care, a 6 percent improvement.

This has been the fourth year in a row that the *KANSAS KIDS COUNT Data Book* has shown progress in the rates of Childhood Death and the percent of High School Graduates Pursuing a Post-Secondary Education/Training.

INDICATORS GETTING WORSE

Conditions have worsened for 8 indicators. Births to Single Teens showed a 12 percent increase over the base years; although the percent of teen births was 9.2 percent — a bit lower than the previous year — the actual number of births were slightly higher. Low BirthWeight Babies increased by 3 percent over the base years. Students Graduating High School in time has decreased by 5 percent. Two emotional Well-Being indicators worsened over time, the Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children, which increased 57 percent and the Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1000 Children, which increased 11 percent. The percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals, with an 8 percent increase, can be viewed as a negative with respect to measuring childhood poverty. However, in measuring the percent of children receiving services needed, increases may be viewed as a positive.

Even though problems still exist in the processing of data from some counties, the state figure shows the reported and confirmed child abuse and neglect figures continue to rise and should be interpreted as a continuing problem for Kansas. The out-of-home placement data has changed in collection methods and cannot be compared with base year data. Two indicators, Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance and Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2 showed no percent change. The measurement of Youth Using Alcohol has no base years to use as a comparison, however, almost 27 percent of students responding report using alcohol more than 10 times. This can be interpreted as a serious problem area for our youth.

The sustained and concentrated effort to address the needs of our children must be continued by the communities of Kansas. Progress is being made in different areas for our children and working on making conditions better will take time, commitment, sustained efforts and energy directed at tackling these areas. In analyzing these indicators, local communities can determine where these concentrated efforts should be directed.

BIRTHS TO SINGLE TEENS

Communities able to reduce the number of unmarried young women having children may reap a number of benefits for their citizens. Births to single teens can result in many negative outcomes for both mother and child. An unmarried teen mother may have less educational and training opportunities, reducing her earning potential and increasing her likelihood of becoming dependent on welfare. Children of these young mothers are more likely to be born prematurely or at a low birth weight, both events that may lead to complications in later life. Children born to unmarried teens are much more likely to be living in poverty by ages 8 to 12.

In 1994, 9.2 percent of all births in Kansas were to unmarried women under the age of 20. While the percentage of teen births in 1994 decreased slightly from the 1993 rate, this drop is attributed to an overall increase in the birth rate rather than a real change in teen births. The number of single teens having babies in Kansas continued to increase this year. In fact, more unmarried teen women had babies in 1994 than in any prior year included in our data. Wyandotte County reported a decrease in the actual number of teen births, however this county continues to have the highest rate in Kansas. Nearly one in five births in Wyandotte County are to unmarried women under age 20.

	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER OF TEEN BIRTHS	PERCENT OF TEEN BIRTHS	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF TEEN BIRTHS	PERCENT OF TEEN BIRTHS	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	14	7.6	8	21	13.0	9	71
ANDERSON	5	4.9	6	15	17.9	10	264
ATCHISON	23	10.0	10	20	10.0	7	-1
BARBER	4	5.6	4	2	3.4	2	-39
BARTON	29	6.9	7	44	10.8	8	56
BOURBON	21	9.8	10	28	14.7	10	50
BROWN	12	8.1	8	21	16.2	10	100
BUTLER	51	7.0	7	67	9.3	6	32
CHASE	2	5.5	4	2	5.3	3	-4
CHAUTAUQUA	3	7.1	8	2	5.3	3	-26
CHEROKEE	40	14.2	10	43	15.4	10	8
CHEYENNE	1	3.3	2	5	14.7	10	347
CLARK	0	1.6	1	1	3.3	2	113
CLAY	7	6.4	4	7	6.5	5	2
CLOUD	6	5.1	6	9	9.9	7	93
COFFEY	8	8.0	9	8	7.1	5	-12
COMANCHE	1	3.1	1	0	.0	1	-100
COWLEY	54	10.5	10	42	8.8	6	-17
CRAWFORD	39	8.8	9	36	7.3	5	-17
DECATUR	1	1.9	1	1	2.1	1	14
DICKINSON	13	5.1	3	21	10.0	7	93
DONIPHAN	9	8.9	9	7	7.1	5	-20
DOUGLAS	67	6.2	6	80	7.2	5	15
EDWARDS	3	6.4	8	1	2.6	1	-60
ELK	2	5.1	3	3	9.1	6	78
ELLIS	15	4.9	3	15	4.8	3	-1
ELLSWORTH	4	6.6	7	4	7.5	5	15
FINNEY	83	10.5	10	112	13.8	9	32
FORD	56	9.9	9	58	9.8	7	-1
FRANKLIN	28	8.5	8	25	7.8	6	-8
GEARY	70	6.1	6	63	6.8	5	11
GOVE	1	3.0	1	1	2.6	1	-15
GRAHAM	1	1.8	1	0	.0	1	-100

	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER OF TEEN BIRTHS	PERCENT OF TEEN BIRTHS	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF TEEN BIRTHS	PERCENT OF TEEN BIRTHS	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	12	9.2	9	16	11.5	8	25
GRAY	3	4.4	3	5	5.0	3	14
GREELEY	1	5.2	6	2	9.5	7	83
GREENWOOD	8	10.5	9	12	14.1	9	35
HAMILTON	2	5.0	6	0	.0	1	-100
HARPER	4	5.0	5	2	3.0	2	-40
HARVEY	24	5.8	4	23	6.4	4	11
HASKELL	4	5.8	5	6	9.2	6	60
HODGEMAN	2	5.9	5	3	12.5	9	112
JACKSON	10	6.3	7	9	5.7	4	-10
JEFFERSON	10	5.1	4	12	6.3	4	24
JEWELL	1	2.9	2	1	2.5	1	-13
JOHNSON	184	3.2	2	193	3.3	2	3
KEARNY	6	8.4	9	4	6.3	4	-25
KINGMAN	7	6.6	6	4	5.1	3	-23
KIOWA	2	4.0	2	4	8.3	6	109
LABETTE	34	10.9	10	34	11.1	8	2
LANE	1	3.5	1	1	4.3	2	23
LEAVENWORTH	71	8.3	8	81	8.9	6	7
LINCOLN	2	4.8	3	0	.0	1	-100
LINN	8	8.6	7	18	17.0	10	98
LOGAN	2	4.3	4	3	8.8	6	105
LYON	38	8.2	7	52	10.8	8	31
MARION	6	4.4	2	5	3.3	2	-25
MARSHALL	5	3.6	2	6	5.7	4	57
MCPHERSON	16	4.4	3	14	4.6	2	3
MEADE	3	4.6	2	4	5.3	4	16
MIAMI	19	5.8	5	25	7.9	6	36
MITCHELL	3	4.1	2	2	2.9	2	-30
MONTGOMERY	61	12.3	10	63	14.5	10	18
MORRIS	4	5.7	5	4	4.9	3	-14
MORTON	2	5.1	5	6	11.5	8	124
NEMAHA	2	1.8	1	6	4.0	2	128
NEOSHO	19	8.4	8	25	12.6	9	51
NESS	2	5.8	3	4	9.5	7	64
NORTON	4	5.8	5	6	11.1	8	91
OSAGE	14	7.3	7	13	7.3	5	-0
OSBORNE	2	4.4	3	5	11.4	8	158

	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
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OTTAWA	3	5.8	6	6	9.5	7	65
PAWNEE	6	7.5	7	13	16.0	10	115
PHILLIPS	4	5.9	3	5	6.8	5	15
POTTAWATOMIE	12	5.1	6	14	5.4	4	5
PRATT	6	4.9	2	6	5.3	3	8
RAWLINS	2	5.3	5	2	6.3	4	17
RENO	67	8.4	9	82	10.5	7	25
REPUBLIC	3	5.2	4	6	11.8	8	125
RICE	10	8.0	8	14	12.4	9	56
RILEY	29	3.5	2	53	5.0	3	44
ROOKS	4	5.7	6	3	4.6	3	-20
RUSH	1	3.1	1	2	6.5	4	105
RUSSELL	4	5.1	3	4	5.9	4	15
SALINE	59	8.0	8	77	10.1	7	26
SCOTT	5	7.0	7	5	7.2	5	4
SEDGWICK	730	9.7	9	750	10.3	7	6
SEWARD	50	12.7	10	52	12.4	9	-2
SHAWNEE	261	10.9	10	290	12.3	8	12
SHERIDAN	1	3.3	1	1	3.6	2	8
SHERMAN	10	10.4	9	15	16.5	10	59
SMITH	1	3.0	4	1	2.2	1	-27
STAFFORD	3	5.6	4	8	12.9	9	129
STANTON	3	6.0	7	5	11.9	8	100
STEVENS	6	7.4	6	6	7.7	6	4
SUMNER	31	8.7	8	35	9.9	7	13
THOMAS	6	4.8	5	14	12.8	9	167
TREGO	1	1.7	1	3	13.6	9	682
WABAUNSEE	4	5.6	4	4	4.8	3	-13
WALLACE	2	6.8	7	0	.0	1	-100
WASHINGTON	3	4.1	2	2	3.1	2	-26
WICHITA	2	5.9	5	2	5.6	4	-7
WILSON	11	9.0	9	16	14.4	9	60
WOODSON	1	4.1	4	2	7.7	6	86
WYANDOTTE	510	17.2	10	489	18.0	10	4
KANSAS	3,120	8.2		3,424	9.2		12

Data provided by Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Decile Ranks are scored so that "1" indicates the most positive outcome and "10" indicates the most negative outcome. Negative percent change represents improvement.

CHILDREN APPROVED FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Although free school meal eligibility standards are slightly above the poverty line, the percentage of children eligible for federally sponsored free school meals is an indicator of the level of poverty in each county. Children are determined eligible for free school meals on the basis of family income and size. Because these data are available annually they allow for yearly appraisal of changes in eligibility, and the level of poverty.

The percentage of Kansas children approved for free meals continued to increase this year. 24 percent of Kansas school children are eligible. In four counties, Chautauqua, Elk, Seward, and Wyandotte over forty percent of the school children meet the eligibility requirements. Johnson County had the lowest rate of eligibility, only six percent of its school children met requirements.

	BASE YEARS - 1991-94			CURRENT YEAR 1995			
COUNTY	AVE. NUMBER APPROVED FOR MEALS	AVE. PERCENT APPROVED FOR MEALS	DECILE RANK	NUMBER APPROVED FOR MEALS	PERCENT APPROVED FOR MEALS	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	818	28	9	875	30	9	6
ANDERSON	364	24	6	423	29	8	18
ATCHISON	901	27	8	955	30	9	10
BARBER	192	17	2	225	19	3	13
BARTON	1,349	24	6	1,618	28	8	19
BOURBON	861	31	10	941	33	9	8
BROWN	654	31	10	759	36	10	14
BUTLER	1,702	14	1	2,015	16	1	16
CHASE	151	26	8	157	27	6	3
CHAUTAUQUA	258	38	10	287	41	10	8
CHEROKEE	1,309	34	10	1,468	37	10	8
CHEYENNE	184	27	8	211	31	9	14
CLARK	93	18	2	90	16	1	-11
CLAY	382	22	5	418	24	5	7
CLOUD	405	25	7	438	26	6	7
COFFEY	362	19	3	423	21	4	11
COMANCHE	109	25	7	87	20	3	-18
COWLEY	1,566	22	5	1,910	26	6	17
CRAWFORD	2,057	31	9	2,364	35	10	15
DECATUR	168	22	5	169	23	4	4
DICKINSON	901	23	6	1,002	23	4	-3
DONIPHAN	444	27	8	490	30	9	12
DOUGLAS	2,028	18	2	2,198	18	2	2
EDWARDS	151	16	1	177	25	6	61
ELK	280	40	10	340	42	10	5
ELLIS	775	16	1	812	16	2	6
ELLSWORTH	235	17	2	290	20	3	14
FINNEY	2,511	31	10	2,879	34	10	10
FORD	1,798	32	10	2,160	36	10	15
FRANKLIN	1,046	22	5	1,099	23	4	1
GEARY	2,724	35	10	2,864	38	10	8
GOVE	98	14	1	78	11	1	-21
GRAHAM	164	25	7	159	25	6	1

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1991-94 AVE. NUMBER APPROVED FOR MEALS	AVE. PERCENT APPROVED FOR MEALS	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR 1995 NUMBER APPROVED FOR MEALS	PERCENT APPROVED FOR MEALS	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	459	26	8	502	29	8	10
GRAY	190	16	2	214	17	2	9
GREELEY	90	25	7	66	18	2	-28
GREENWOOD	370	29	9	406	30	9	3
HAMILTON	115	28	8	118	27	7	-2
HARPER	310	23	6	383	30	8	27
HARVEY	1,282	21	4	1,459	23	5	11
HASKELL	251	28	9	276	33	9	16
HODGEMAN	92	21	4	92	20	3	-5
JACKSON	484	21	4	470	20	3	-4
JEFFERSON	661	17	2	769	18	2	5
JEWELL	187	28	9	196	28	7	2
JOHNSON	3,985	6	1	4,412	6	1	2
KEARNY	275	26	7	385	32	9	25
KINGMAN	374	21	5	429	24	5	10
KIOWA	158	23	6	169	25	6	8
LABETTE	1,190	26	8	1,387	30	8	15
LANE	89	17	2	87	16	1	-3
LEAVENWORTH	1,705	14	1	2,004	15	1	13
LINCOLN	115	18	2	116	19	2	4
LINN	537	29	9	522	27	6	-6
LOGAN	188	25	7	210	27	7	9
LYON	1,598	24	6	1,811	28	7	13
MARION	419	18	2	511	20	3	11
MARSHALL	574	21	4	575	20	3	-2
MCPHERSON	665	13	1	721	14	1	2
MEADE	113	19	3	131	22	4	15
MIAMI	865	20	4	933	20	3	2
MITCHELL	416	23	6	412	22	4	-4
MONTGOMERY	1,969	28	9	2,099	30	9	8
MORRIS	277	25	7	323	28	7	11
MORTON	179	23	5	203	27	6	18
NEMAHA	351	17	2	376	18	2	4
NEOSHO	852	27	8	941	28	7	6
NESS	125	14	1	131	16	1	9
NORTON	218	20	4	213	19	2	-8
OSAGE	603	20	3	664	21	3	4
OSBORNE	95	19	3	135	25	6	33
OTTAWA	247	21	4	274	21	4	-2
PAWNEE	298	20	4	361	24	5	17
PHILLIPS	229	21	4	270	23	5	12
POTTAWATOMIE	587	16	2	624	17	2	2
PRATT	341	19	3	345	19	2	0
RAWLINS	162	27	8	170	28	7	4
RENO	2,821	25	6	3,150	27	7	10
REPUBLIC	251	23	5	281	25	6	11
RICE	574	28	9	587	30	8	4
RILEY	1,525	19	3	1,453	18	2	-5
ROOKS	238	19	3	256	21	4	10
RUSH	160	22	5	206	28	7	27
RUSSELL	337	25	7	406	29	8	16
SALINE	2,097	22	5	2,290	25	5	10
SCOTT	216	19	3	240	23	4	17
SEDGWICK	18,631	25	6	21,393	27	7	10
SEWARD	1,604	36	10	2,082	43	10	20
SHAWNEE	7,400	25	7	8,014	28	7	10
SHERIDAN	75	15	1	67	14	1	-6
SHERMAN	360	29	9	368	29	8	0
SMITH	184	22	5	216	25	6	15
STAFFORD	272	26	7	326	29	8	12
STANTON	148	27	8	189	33	9	23
STEVENS	252	21	4	294	24	5	11
SUMNER	908	19	3	1,031	21	4	10
THOMAS	347	21	4	341	20	3	-5
TREGO	130	20	3	150	24	5	21
WABAUNSEE	203	16	1	209	16	1	-2
WALLACE	98	24	6	91	21	4	-10
WASHINGTON	378	24	6	359	24	5	-2
WICHITA	151	25	7	140	23	5	-8
WILSON	626	30	9	670	31	9	2
WOODSON	183	29	9	179	28	8	-3
WYANDOTTE	12,477	41	10	13,927	46	10	13
KANSAS	103,976	22		116,191	24		8

Data are from Kansas State Board of Education. Negative percent change indicates improvement. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

CHILDREN RECEIVING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

This indicator represents an additional effort to describe the level of poverty among Kansas children. These data report the number and percentage of children receiving cash assistance, medical assistance, or food stamps, counting each child only one time regardless of the number of programs in which they may be enrolled. When examining results for each county the reader should consider the following: These data represent only those persons who seek assistance. Because some eligible persons may decline to seek assistance the data provided here probably underestimate the number of children in poverty. When evaluating these data the reader must consider to what extent differences may be attributed to the level of poverty versus agency practices or other local phenomena that may impact the likelihood of participation.

Almost one in five Kansas children receive some form of economic assistance. This year's state rate of participation declined approximately five percent from the June 1994 data. Participation rates ranged from a low of four percent in Gove and Sheridan counties to a high in Wyandotte county where one in three children receives some form of economic assistance.

	BASE YEARS - 1993-1994			CURRENT YEAR - 1995			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER RECEIVING ASSIST.	% CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSIST	DECILE RANK	NUMBER RECEIVING ASSIST	% CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSIST	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	954	23	9	1,018	25	10	6
ANDERSON	360	17	7	392	18	7	6
ATCHISON	1,027	21	8	994	20	8	-5
BARBER	117	7	1	156	10	3	32
BARTON	1,749	21	8	1,756	21	9	-1
BOURBON	1,022	26	10	995	25	10	-3
BROWN	778	25	10	760	24	10	-3
BUTLER	2,127	15	6	2,223	16	7	6
CHASE	143	18	8	127	16	7	-12
CHAUTAUQUA	284	26	10	281	26	10	-3
CHEROKEE	1,889	32	10	1,785	30	10	-7
CHEYENNE	62	8	1	96	11	3	50
CLARK	77	12	4	51	8	2	-34
CLAY	400	17	7	364	15	6	-10
CLOUD	399	15	6	405	15	5	-1
COFFEY	332	14	5	376	15	6	11
COMANCHE	40	7	1	46	8	2	14
COWLEY	2,178	22	9	2,236	23	9	3
CRAWFORD	2,375	28	10	2,336	27	10	-3
DECATUR	85	8	2	71	7	1	-18
DICKINSON	795	16	6	779	15	6	-3
DONIPHAN	494	22	8	445	19	8	-13
DOUGLAS	2,813	18	7	2,905	19	8	6
EDWARDS	153	15	6	150	15	6	-4
ELK	197	25	10	211	26	10	3
ELLIS	782	12	4	903	13	4	15
ELLSWORTH	170	11	3	196	12	4	14
FINNEY	2,084	21	8	2,060	22	9	4
FORD	1,792	23	9	1,672	22	9	-5
FRANKLIN	1,329	22	9	1,226	20	8	-8
GEARY	2,677	30	10	2,327	26	10	-13
GOVE	45	5	1	43	4	1	-9
GRAHAM	118	12	4	95	9	2	-22

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1993,1994			CURRENT YEAR - 1995			
	AVERAGE NUMBER RECEIVING ASSIST.	% CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSIST.	DECILE RANK	NUMBER RECEIVING ASSIST.	% CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSIST.	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	424	17	7	442	18	7	5
GRAY	151	9	2	157	9	2	6
GREELEY	42	8	2	27	5	1	-36
GREENWOOD	471	24	9	470	23	9	-2
HAMILTON	81	13	4	90	14	5	9
HARPER	360	20	8	316	17	7	-13
HARVEY	1,209	15	6	1,211	15	6	0
HASKELL	210	17	7	182	14	5	-14
HODGEMAN	49	8	2	47	8	2	-4
JACKSON	594	18	7	542	16	6	-10
JEFFERSON	574	13	5	609	14	4	6
JEWELL	112	10	3	126	11	3	8
JOHNSON	5,219	6	1	4,881	6	1	-4
KEARNY	221	17	7	243	19	8	12
KINGMAN	350	15	6	340	14	5	-4
KIOWA	117	12	4	140	14	5	18
LABETTE	1,643	25	9	1,585	23	9	-6
LANE	67	10	3	91	13	4	35
LEAVENWORTH	2,480	15	6	2,552	15	6	4
LINCOLN	70	8	2	102	11	3	44
LINN	424	20	8	431	20	8	1
LOGAN	79	9	2	85	10	2	5
LYON	1,813	20	8	1,847	20	8	3
MARION	331	11	3	378	12	4	14
MARSHALL	366	12	4	369	12	3	1
MCPHERSON	770	11	3	742	11	3	-3
MEADE	93	8	2	87	7	1	-8
MIAMI	953	15	5	922	14	5	-3
MITCHELL	166	8	2	181	9	2	6
MONTGOMERY	2,678	25	10	2,517	23	9	-8
MORRIS	342	22	9	302	19	8	-12
MORTON	147	14	5	149	14	4	1
NEMAHA	216	7	1	216	7	1	-1
NEOSHO	1,128	24	9	1,112	23	9	-4
NESS	57	5	1	60	5	1	3
NORTON	178	12	4	224	15	6	22
OSAGE	683	16	6	655	15	6	-5
OSBORNE	147	12	4	139	11	3	-9

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1993,1994			CURRENT YEAR - 1995			
	AVERAGE NUMBER RECEIVING ASSIST.	% CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSIST.	DECILE RANK	NUMBER RECEIVING ASSIST.	% CHILDREN RECEIVING ASSIST.	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	228	15	6	221	15	5	-4
PAWNEE	244	12	4	267	13	4	9
PHILLIPS	167	10	3	158	9	2	-8
POTTAWATOMIE	631	14	5	634	14	5	2
PRATT	329	13	5	354	14	5	7
RAWLINS	67	7	1	72	7	1	5
RENO	3,637	22	9	3,620	22	9	-2
REPUBLIC	167	11	3	165	10	3	-3
RICE	589	21	8	594	20	8	0
RILEY	1,728	12	4	1,775	13	4	4
ROOKS	198	11	3	222	12	4	9
RUSH	119	13	4	157	16	7	27
RUSSELL	307	16	6	337	17	7	7
SALINE	2,382	18	7	2,462	19	7	3
SCOTT	130	8	2	127	8	2	-4
SEDGWICK	24,571	23	9	25,031	23	9	3
SEWARD	1,679	30	10	1,701	30	10	3
SHAWNEE	9,182	22	9	9,014	21	9	-2
SHERIDAN	37	4	1	39	4	1	0
SHERMAN	356	18	7	303	15	6	-18
SMITH	125	10	3	179	14	5	40
STAFFORD	237	17	7	217	16	7	-8
STANTON	81	11	3	74	10	2	-9
STEVENS	206	14	5	231	15	6	13
SUMNER	1,177	16	6	1,210	17	7	4
THOMAS	319	13	5	299	13	4	-7
TREGO	63	6	1	71	7	1	10
WABAUNSEE	249	14	5	232	13	4	-8
WALLACE	47	9	2	49	9	2	1
WASHINGTON	178	9	2	195	10	3	5
WICHITA	136	15	5	101	11	3	-27
WILSON	582	20	8	538	18	7	-11
WOODSON	186	18	7	214	21	8	14
WYANDOTTE	15,597	33	10	15,446	32	10	-3
KANSAS	120,794	18		120,358	18		0

Data are for the months of June, 1993, 1994, and 1995 and include all children receiving cash assistance, medical assistance, or food stamps. Data provided by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Population data are estimates derived from U.S. Census.

CHILDHOOD DEATHS

This indicator reports the number of deaths per 100,000 children ages 1 to 14 years old. In 1994, 149 Kansas children died. Motor vehicle accidents are the most frequent cause of death to children in this age group.

The 1994 state death rate of 27.0 per 100,000 children represents over a four percent decline from last year's figure and a continuing decline from the base year average. A similar trend exists on the national level. The most recent available figures for childhood death indicated 28.8 deaths per 100,000 children.

The infrequent incidence of childhood deaths in many Kansas counties may make interpretation of county level rates difficult. Percent change rates, for example, vary dramatically on the basis of changes of just a few deaths each year. Despite the relative small number of childhood deaths, we feel it is important to call attention to the death of every child and continue efforts to obtain even greater reduction of this indicator.

	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDHOOD DEATHS	CHILDHOOD DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF CHILDHOOD DEATHS	CHILDHOOD DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	.8	25.0	3	0	+	+	+
ANDERSON	.6	37.6	7	1	64.4	8	71
ATCHISON	1.0	28.2	5	1	28.8	4	2
BARBER	.6	46.2	8	2	150.2	10	225
BARTON	1.0	15.5	1	1	15.5	2	0
BOURBON	.8	26.1	4	2	64.7	8	148
BROWN	.6	24.3	3	1	40.3	6	66
BUTLER	3.0	25.1	3	1	8.0	1	-68
CHASE	.2	33.4	6	0	+	+	+
CHAUTAUQUA	.2	24.5	3	0	+	+	+
CHEROKEE	.6	13.5	1	3	68.2	8	406
CHEYENNE	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
CLARK	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
CLAY	.4	21.2	2	1	52.9	7	150
CLOUD	.4	20.0	2	1	51.2	7	156
COFFEY	1.6	89.3	10	0	+	+	+
COMANCHE	.0	+	+	1	221.7	10	*
COWLEY	2.4	30.5	5	3	37.5	5	23
CRAWFORD	2.0	30.3	5	5	75.4	9	149
DECATUR	.4	47.7	8	0	+	+	+
DICKINSON	2.4	61.3	9	1	25.7	4	-58
DONIPHAN	.8	47.9	8	0	+	+	+
DOUGLAS	4.0	28.9	5	0	.0	1	-100
EDWARDS	.0	+	+	1	127.7	9	*
ELK	.2	35.8	6	0	+	+	+
ELLIS	1.6	29.1	5	1	17.8	2	-39
ELLSWORTH	.4	33.1	6	1	83.1	9	151
FINNEY	4.0	41.7	7	2	18.5	3	-56
FORD	3.0	46.1	8	3	43.5	6	-6
FRANKLIN	1.0	20.1	2	2	39.1	5	94
GEARY	4.0	53.9	9	5	64.4	8	19
GOVE	.6	89.7	10	1	158.9	10	77
GRAHAM	.4	54.3	9	0	+	+	+

	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDHOOD DEATHS	CHILDHOOD DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF CHILDHOOD DEATHS	CHILDHOOD DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	1.0	49.3	8	1	47.7	7	-3
GRAY	.6	42.2	7	0	+	+	+
GREELEY	.6	129.8	10	0	+	+	+
GREENWOOD	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
HAMILTON	.2	42.1	7	0	+	+	+
HARPER	.4	27.5	4	0	+	+	+
HARVEY	2.0	30.5	5	1	14.9	2	-51
HASKELL	.6	59.9	9	0	+	+	+
HODGEMAN	.4	78.8	10	0	+	+	+
JACKSON	.4	15.1	1	2	75.2	9	400
JEFFERSON	.8	22.6	2	0	+	+	+
JEWELL	.6	74.6	10	0	+	+	+
JOHNSON	16.2	20.7	2	12	14.3	1	-31
KEARNY	.2	17.7	1	0	+	+	+
KINGMAN	.4	21.9	2	3	163.3	10	645
KIOWA	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
LABETTE	2.8	56.5	9	1	20.8	3	-63
LANE	.2	37.9	7	0	+	+	+
LEAVENWORTH	2.4	17.1	1	6	41.2	6	141
LINCOLN	.4	58.0	9	0	+	+	+
LINN	.8	47.5	8	0	+	+	+
LOGAN	.4	61.8	9	0	+	+	+
LYON	2.0	26.0	4	2	25.1	3	-4
MARION	1.2	50.1	8	0	+	+	+
MARSHALL	.6	23.2	3	0	+	+	+
MCPHERSON	1.6	27.3	4	0	.0	1	-100
MEADE	.4	43.7	8	0	+	+	+
MIAMI	2.0	37.4	7	1	17.4	2	-54
MITCHELL	.4	27.6	4	0	+	+	+
MONTGOMERY	2.4	30.3	5	2	25.8	4	-15
MORRIS	1.0	80.3	10	0	+	+	+
MORTON	.2	23.6	3	0	+	+	+
NEMAHA	.6	24.6	3	0	+	+	+
NEOSHO	.8	22.7	2	0	+	+	+
NESS	.2	22.8	3	0	+	+	+
NORTON	.2	20.0	2	0	+	+	+
OSAGE	.6	18.3	1	1	30.4	4	66
OSBORNE	.6	65.5	9	1	114.2	9	74

	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDHOOD DEATHS	CHILDHOOD DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF CHILDHOOD DEATHS	CHILDHOOD DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
PAWNEE	.4	26.9	4	1	67.2	8	150
PHILLIPS	.2	15.2	1	0	+	+	+
POTTAWATOMIE	1.4	35.7	6	1	24.1	3	-33
PRATT	.8	39.8	7	0	+	+	+
RAWLINS	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
RENO	4.0	31.5	6	6	47.7	7	52
REPUBLIC	.2	17.1	1	0	+	+	+
RICE	1.2	53.3	9	1	44.3	6	-17
RILEY	4.2	35.0	6	2	16.1	2	-54
ROOKS	.4	31.1	6	0	+	+	+
RUSH	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
RUSSELL	.4	27.5	4	0	+	+	+
SALINE	3.2	30.5	5	4	37.6	5	23
SCOTT	.4	33.5	6	0	+	+	+
SEDGWICK	27.6	30.2	5	31	32.4	4	7
SEWARD	2.0	40.9	7	1	19.4	3	-52
SHAWNEE	8.4	25.2	4	13	38.4	5	52
SHERIDAN	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
SHERMAN	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
SMITH	.6	68.1	10	0	+	+	+
STAFFORD	.2	17.3	1	0	+	+	+
STANTON	.8	134.2	10	0	+	+	+
STEVENS	.4	31.9	6	0	+	+	+
SUMNER	1.4	23.0	3	3	47.1	6	105
THOMAS	.4	21.4	2	1	53.3	7	149
TREGO	.6	77.5	10	0	+	+	+
WABAUNSEE	.6	41.8	7	0	+	+	+
WALLACE	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
WASHINGTON	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
WICHITA	.2	27.9	4	0	+	+	+
WILSON	1.0	48.7	8	0	+	+	+
WOODSON	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
WYANDOTTE	13.0	35.4	6	12	33.1	5	-7
KANSAS	159	29.7		149	27.0		-9

Mortality data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Childhood mortality rates represent the number of deaths per 100,000 children age 1-14. Population data are extrapolated from the U.S. Census. Negative change scores indicate improvement. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

+ Rates are not calculated for counties with too few children for meaningful interpretation.

* Zero events in the base years prevent calculation of percent change scores.

INFANT MORTALITY

The infant mortality rate reports deaths among children before their first birthday. In 1994, our state saw 285 infants die. This represents a reduction of 40 deaths since 1993 and is indicative of a decline from both the prior year and the five year average. Nationally the rate of infant deaths reached an all time low of 7.9 per 1,000 in 1994.

State figures also declined this year to a low of 7.6 deaths per 1,000 live births. While this decline is good news, room exists for continued improvement. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has established an infant mortality goal of 7.0 per 1,000 live births. We have work to do in Kansas to meet this goal.

The most prevalent causes of infant death are premature births and low birth weight, respiratory problems and other pregnancy complications. Early prenatal care represents an effective strategy for reducing these contributors to infant mortality.

There is an additional concern. The national trend toward declining infant mortality is not uniform across socio-economic or racial lines. The infant mortality rate among Black and Native American infants is not declining at near the rate of white children. There has also been a substantial increase in the gap in infant deaths rates between the most and least socially disadvantaged.

	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER INFANT DEATHS	INFANT MORTALITY RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS	INFANT MORTALITY RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	2	8.5	6	1	6.2	3	-27
ANDERSON	1	10.2	8	0	+	+	+
ATCHISON	2	8.8	6	1	5.0	2	-43
BARBER	0	5.9	4	0	+	+	+
BARTON	4	10.5	8	7	17.1	9	64
BOURBON	3	13.3	9	0	.0	1	-100
BROWN	1	6.5	4	1	7.7	4	18
BUTLER	7	10.0	7	5	6.9	4	-31
CHASE	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
CHAUTAUQUA	1	25.5	10	0	+	+	+
CHEROKEE	3	9.2	7	0	.0	1	-100
CHEYENNE	0	13.2	9	0	+	+	+
CLARK	0	.0	2	1	33.3	10	*
CLAY	1	7.5	5	0	+	+	+
CLOUD	1	6.8	4	1	11.0	7	61
COFFEY	0	2.0	2	0	+	+	+
COMANCHE	0	.0	2	1	40.0	10	*
COWLEY	3	6.3	4	4	8.3	5	32
CRAWFORD	3	6.7	4	3	6.0	3	-10
DECATUR	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
DICKINSON	2	8.0	6	1	4.7	1	-41
DONIPHAN	0	2.0	2	1	10.2	6	413
DOUGLAS	7	6.1	4	8	7.2	4	18
EDWARDS	1	14.9	10	1	25.6	10	73
ELK	0	.0	2	1	30.3	10	*
ELLIS	3	8.8	6	0	.0	1	-100
ELLSWORTH	1	9.8	7	0	+	+	+
FINNEY	5	6.1	4	4	4.9	2	-19
FORD	5	8.5	6	6	10.1	6	19
FRANKLIN	4	11.4	9	3	9.4	6	-18
GEARY	9	7.4	5	12	12.9	8	73
GOVE	0	10.0	7	0	+	+	+
GRAHAM	0	6.0	4	0	+	+	+

	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER INFANT DEATHS	INFANT MORTALITY RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS	INFANT MORTALITY RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	1	4.6	3	1	7.2	4	56
GRAY	1	7.8	5	1	10.0	6	29
GREELEY	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
GREENWOOD	1	10.0	7	1	11.8	7	18
HAMILTON	0	12.4	9	0	+	+	+
HARPER	1	10.1	8	0	+	+	+
HARVEY	4	10.2	8	3	8.4	5	-18
HASKELL	1	13.1	9	1	15.4	8	17
HODGEMAN	0	7.4	5	0	+	+	+
JACKSON	2	10.1	8	1	6.3	3	-38
JEFFERSON	2	8.4	6	1	5.2	3	-38
JEWELL	1	17.2	10	0	+	+	+
JOHNSON	32	5.7	4	28	4.8	2	-15
KEARNY	1	11.2	9	0	+	+	+
KINGMAN	1	9.7	7	1	12.7	7	31
KIOWA	1	13.3	9	0	+	+	+
LABETTE	1	4.4	3	2	6.5	3	47
LANE	0	7.1	5	0	+	+	+
LEAVENWORTH	9	10.0	7	5	5.5	3	-45
LINCOLN	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
LINN	1	9.0	7	1	9.4	6	4
LOGAN	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
LYON	3	6.5	4	4	8.3	5	29
MARION	1	4.1	3	1	6.6	4	59
MARSHALL	1	6.3	4	0	+	+	+
MCPHERSON	4	10.0	7	5	16.3	9	64
MEADE	0	.0	2	1	13.3	8	*
MIAMI	3	8.0	5	3	9.5	6	18
MITCHELL	0	2.4	2	0	+	+	+
MONTGOMERY	4	8.9	6	6	13.8	8	56
MORRIS	0	5.2	3	1	12.2	7	136
MORTON	0	4.7	3	0	+	+	+
NEMAHA	1	8.8	6	1	6.7	4	-24
NEOSHO	2	8.1	6	1	5.1	2	-38
NESS	0	10.6	8	0	+	+	+
NORTON	1	9.7	7	1	18.5	9	91
OSAGE	1	4.1	3	1	5.6	3	38
OSBORNE	0	3.7	2	0	+	+	+

	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER INFANT DEATHS	INFANT MORTALITY RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF INFANT DEATHS	INFANT MORTALITY RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	1	10.2	8	0	+	+	+
PAWNEE	1	15.5	10	3	37.0	10	140
PHILLIPS	0	.0	2	1	13.5	8	*
POTTAWATOMIE	1	2.6	2	4	15.4	8	503
PRATT	1	10.5	8	2	17.7	9	68
RAWLINS	1	16.0	10	0	+	+	+
RENO	7	8.7	6	9	11.5	7	32
REPUBLIC	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
RICE	2	16.8	10	1	8.8	5	-47
RILEY	7	7.9	5	5	4.7	2	-40
ROOKS	0	2.7	2	1	15.4	8	463
RUSH	0	5.2	3	0	+	+	+
RUSSELL	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
SALINE	5	7.0	5	3	3.9	1	-44
SCOTT	1	14.0	9	2	29.0	10	108
SEDGWICK	83	11.1	9	77	10.6	6	-4
SEWARD	4	10.6	8	1	2.4	1	-78
SHAWNEE	21	9.0	7	12	5.1	2	-43
SHERIDAN	0	11.0	8	0	+	+	+
SHERMAN	0	4.3	3	1	11.0	7	154
SMITH	1	21.4	10	0	+	+	+
STAFFORD	1	16.6	10	0	+	+	+
STANTON	0	4.6	3	1	23.8	9	419
STEVENS	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
SUMNER	3	7.4	5	3	8.5	5	14
THOMAS	0	1.7	2	2	18.3	9	970
TREGO	0	11.6	9	0	+	+	+
WABAUNSEE	2	21.2	10	0	+	+	+
WALLACE	0	7.6	5	0	+	+	+
WASHINGTON	1	8.3	6	0	+	+	+
WICHITA	0	5.4	3	0	+	+	+
WILSON	2	16.6	10	0	+	+	+
WOODSON	0	.0	2	0	+	+	+
WYANDOTTE	39	13.2	9	24	8.8	5	-33
KANSAS	332	8.7		285	7.6		-12

Mortality data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Infant mortality rates represent the number of infant deaths per 1,000 infants. Negative change scores indicate improvement.Population data are extrapolated from the U.S. Census.As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

+Rates are not calculated for counties with too few children for meaningful interpretation

*Zero events in the base years prevent calculation of percent change scores

BIRTHS WITH EARLY PRENATAL CARE

It is recommended that pregnant women begin prenatal care in the first trimester of their pregnancy. This contact early in the pregnancy with a health care provider can help to assure that the woman is screened and informed regarding any special conditions or behaviors such as diabetes, high blood pressure, smoking, or use of alcohol which may place she or her baby at risk. When risks are identified early in the pregnancy, alternative interventions are available that have been proven effective. It has been estimated that every dollar spent on prenatal care returns three dollars in reduced costs associated with complications of birth and prolonged hospital stays.

Kansas has typically scored well on this indicator in comparison to other states and the percentage of mothers reporting that they received early prenatal care has been steadily increasing for the state. This trend has continued in the statistics reported this year. For the state as a whole, 85 percent of the mothers giving birth in 1994 reported that they received early prenatal care. Decatur County showed the most dramatic improvement in this measure, jumping to 91 percent in 1994 after averaging only 74 percent over the previous five years.

The success of many counties in reaching pregnant mothers with early prenatal care makes it even more difficult to understand how more than half the women giving birth in 1994 in Seward County did not receive early prenatal care. Three other counties, Stafford, Wichita, and Haskell, which have historically lagged behind the rest of the state on this measure, also showed substantial declines in the percentage of mothers receiving early prenatal care in 1994.

	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVE # BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/EARLY PRENATAL CARE	% OF BIRTHS W/EARLY PRENATAL CARE	DECILE RANK	# OF BIRTHS W/EARLY PRENATAL CARE	% OF BIRTHS W/EARLY PRENATAL CARE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	154	81	6	134	84	6	3
ANDERSON	78	79	7	65	77	9	-2
ATCHISON	172	76	9	163	81	7	8
BARBER	53	78	8	47	81	8	4
BARTON	317	75	9	334	82	7	8
BOURBON	150	71	10	147	77	9	8
BROWN	121	79	7	106	82	7	3
BUTLER	618	86	2	640	89	3	3
CHASE	28	84	4	29	76	9	-9
CHAUTAUQUA	30	77	8	31	84	6	9
CHEROKEE	203	72	9	220	79	8	9
CHEYENNE	25	81	6	29	88	4	9
CLARK	22	88	2	28	93	1	7
CLAY	88	83	5	88	82	7	-1
CLOUD	103	88	2	79	87	5	-2
COFFEY	85	86	3	100	88	4	3
COMANCHE	23	89	1	21	84	6	-6
COWLEY	422	83	5	412	86	5	4
CRAWFORD	350	78	8	419	84	6	8
DECATUR	32	74	9	43	91	2	23
DICKINSON	197	79	7	176	83	7	5
DONIPHAN	77	76	8	75	77	9	0
DOUGLAS	922	85	3	964	87	4	2
EDWARDS	31	78	8	33	85	6	9
ELK	25	80	6	30	91	2	14
ELLIS	291	92	1	281	91	2	-1
ELLSWORTH	52	85	3	47	89	3	4
FINNEY	486	62	10	496	61	10	-1
FORD	395	70	10	395	67	10	-5
FRANKLIN	271	82	6	275	86	5	6
GEARY	701	61	10	674	72	10	19
GOVE	36	90	1	36	92	2	3
GRAHAM	27	82	5	23	88	4	8

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1989-93 AVE. # BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/EARLY PRENATAL CARE	BASE YEARS - 1989-93 % OF BIRTHS W/EARLY PRENATAL CARE	BASE YEARS - 1989-93 DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1994 # OF BIRTHS W/EARLY PRENATAL CARE	CURRENT YEAR - 1994 % OF BIRTHS W/EARLY PRENATAL CARE	CURRENT YEAR - 1994 DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	92	71	10	100	73	10	3
GRAY	65	84	4	83	84	6	-0
GREELEY	19	83	5	19	90	3	10
GREENWOOD	59	73	9	72	85	6	16
HAMILTON	24	75	9	18	82	7	9
HARPER	63	80	7	58	88	4	10
HARVEY	334	81	6	301	84	6	4
HASKELL	52	68	10	38	58	10	-14
HODGEMAN	23	84	4	22	92	2	9
JACKSON	136	86	2	149	94	1	8
JEFFERSON	161	85	3	167	87	4	3
JEWELL	28	82	5	37	93	1	13
JOHNSON	5,237	92	1	5,375	93	1	1
KEARNY	49	68	10	48	75	9	10
KINGMAN	87	84	4	69	87	4	4
KIOWA	40	88	2	38	79	8	-11
LABETTE	250	79	7	264	86	5	9
LANE	23	82	6	18	78	8	-4
LEAVENWORTH	732	85	3	837	92	2	7
LINCOLN	28	84	4	27	100	1	19
LINN	64	73	9	80	75	9	4
LOGAN	31	84	4	31	91	2	8
LYON	396	76	9	372	77	9	3
MARION	121	84	5	131	86	5	3
MARSHALL	102	80	6	81	76	9	-5
MCPHERSON	302	84	4	262	86	5	2
MEADE	48	79	7	58	78	8	-1
MIAMI	276	85	3	276	87	4	3
MITCHELL	73	89	2	64	93	1	4
MONTGOMERY	394	80	6	377	87	4	9
MORRIS	62	81	6	72	88	4	9
MORTON	28	66	10	33	63	10	-3
NEMAHA	124	91	1	138	92	2	1
NEOSHO	186	84	4	160	81	8	-3
NESS	33	87	2	36	86	5	-1
NORTON	52	84	4	43	80	8	-5
OSAGE	168	85	3	155	87	4	2
OSBORNE	48	89	1	42	95	1	7
OTTAWA	53	91	1	57	90	3	-0
PAWNEE	60	77	8	70	86	5	12
PHILLIPS	65	86	2	67	91	3	5
POTTAWATOMIE	194	83	5	211	81	7	-2
PRATT	94	83	5	104	92	2	11
RAWLINS	30	80	7	29	91	3	14
RENO	596	74	9	655	84	7	12
REPUBLIC	47	82	5	47	92	2	13
RICE	98	75	9	92	81	7	8
RILEY	638	76	8	859	81	7	7
ROOKS	66	90	1	62	95	1	6
RUSH	34	89	1	28	90	3	1
RUSSELL	63	85	3	61	90	3	6
SALINE	652	88	2	689	90	3	2
SCOTT	56	79	7	55	80	8	1
SEDGWICK	6,273	84	4	6,192	86	6	2
SEWARD	218	56	10	197	49	10	-13
SHAWNEE	2,087	88	2	2,097	89	3	1
SHERIDAN	31	85	3	27	96	1	13
SHERMAN	74	80	6	73	81	8	1
SMITH	41	88	2	38	84	6	-4
STAFFORD	48	79	7	42	69	10	-13
STANTON	33	75	9	32	76	9	2
STEVENS	52	69	10	54	73	10	6
SUMNER	280	80	6	305	86	5	8
THOMAS	99	85	3	99	91	2	7
TREGO	32	94	1	21	95	1	2
WABAUNSEE	63	83	5	71	86	6	3
WALLACE	21	79	8	23	77	9	-2
WASHINGTON	61	84	4	56	86	5	3
WICHITA	29	79	7	23	64	10	-19
WILSON	93	78	8	91	83	7	6
WOODSON	27	79	7	21	81	8	2
WYANDOTTE	2,260	76	8	2,122	78	9	2
KANSAS	31,164	82		31,461	85		4

Data provided by Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Decile Ranks are scored so that "1" indicates the most positive outcome and "10" indicates the most negative outcome. Positive percent change represents improvement. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

KINDERGARTNERS FULLY IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends completion of a number of vaccinations against childhood diseases by age 2. These data report on immunization coverage at the following level by age two: 4 doses of Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus, 3 doses of Oral Polio Vaccine and one dose of Measles, Mumps and Rubella.

The state immunization rate was, within sampling error, similar to prior years. In four Kansas counties, Atchinson, Neosho, Wilson and Wyandotte less than one in three children were fully immunized by age two. Only Kiowa County currently meets the year 2000 goal of 90 percent immunization.

These data are collected by sampling records of currently enrolled kindergarten students to determine the percent who were fully immunized by age two. As such, these data report on the states performance three years earlier. Benefits of the considerable efforts made to improve immunization rates should become apparent in the next few years as anticipated increases in immunization of two year olds are demonstrated in samples of kindergarten children.

Expectations for continuing improvement may be borne out by findings of a recent telephone survey of 309 Kansas children between the ages of 19 and 35 months. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control found a state wide immunization rate of 82 percent. Although the sample size prevents making county level estimates, these figures suggest recent immunization efforts are making a difference.

	BASE YEARS - 1989-90, 1992-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVE NUMBER IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	AVE PERCENT IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	DECILE RANK	AVE NUMBER IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	AVE PERCENT IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	93	44	9	87	49	8	11
ANDERSON	50	46	9	68	67	3	47
ATCHISON	81	46	9	41	29	10	-36
BARBER	58	58	5	58	65	4	12
BARTON	208	51	7	158	44	9	-13
BOURBON	108	52	7	94	52	7	0
BROWN	87	56	5	69	51	7	-9
BUTLER	497	57	5	480	55	6	-4
CHASE	26	55	5	24	58	6	4
CHAUTAUQUA	26	51	7	20	35	10	-31
CHEROKEE	116	41	9	110	39	9	-5
CHEYENNE	30	65	3	24	57	6	-11
CLARK	14	35	10	16	50	8	45
CLAY	76	61	4	72	63	4	3
CLOUD	59	45	9	42	42	9	-7
COFFEY	70	54	6	74	58	5	8
COMANCHE	16	52	7	25	77	1	50
COWLEY	303	57	5	312	65	3	15
CRAWFORD	215	45	9	183	42	9	-8
DECATUR	21	39	10	26	51	7	32
DICKINSON	185	60	4	168	58	6	-4
DONIPHAN	52	41	10	47	45	9	12
DOUGLAS	638	73	1	674	72	1	-2
EDWARDS	29	54	6	31	61	5	15
ELK	23	51	7	22	38	10	-26
ELLIS	204	64	3	157	58	5	-9
ELLSWORTH	62	65	2	58	64	4	-2
FINNEY	360	43	9	395	50	7	18
FORD	246	55	6	214	50	8	-9
FRANKLIN	183	49	8	191	53	7	8
GEARY	411	53	6	404	55	6	4
GOVE	32	66	2	26	50	8	-24
GRAHAM	18	37	10	11	38	10	1

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1989-90, 1992-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
	AVE. NUMBER IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	AVE. PERCENT IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	DECILE RANK	AVE. NUMBER IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	AVE. PERCENT IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	65	46	9	46	43	9	-5
GRAY	64	71	1	60	66	3	-7
GREELEY	17	54	6	20	67	3	25
GREENWOOD	39	41	10	31	40	9	0
HAMILTON	25	71	1	15	52	7	-27
HARPER	63	63	3	59	75	1	19
HARVEY	260	63	3	265	67	2	6
HASKELL	40	54	6	27	53	7	-3
HODGEMAN	21	61	4	18	65	3	8
JACKSON	130	71	1	126	79	1	12
JEFFERSON	198	66	2	190	67	3	2
JEWELL	41	78	1	33	71	2	-9
JOHNSON	3,346	68	2	3,367	69	2	1
KEARNY	77	64	3	66	62	4	-4
KINGMAN	65	62	3	58	63	4	2
KIOWA	27	54	6	47	90	1	67
LABETTE	156	47	8	126	39	10	-17
LANE	18	49	8	23	67	3	36
LEAVENWORTH	580	65	2	570	66	3	2
LINCOLN	32	77	1	29	79	1	3
LINN	63	47	8	55	43	9	-8
LOGAN	18	51	7	18	50	8	-2
LYON	256	51	7	232	52	7	2
MARION	107	62	4	120	56	6	-9
MARSHALL	116	59	4	103	55	6	-6
MCPHERSON	258	68	2	248	72	1	6
MEADE	22	50	8	23	61	5	23
MIAMI	155	49	8	151	48	9	-2
MITCHELL	58	53	6	65	62	4	18
MONTGOMERY	223	44	9	151	35	10	-20
MORRIS	54	60	4	59	60	5	0
MORTON	34	50	7	25	49	8	-3
NEMAHA	112	71	1	105	65	4	-9
NEOSHO	77	33	10	49	22	10	-35
NESS	35	67	2	31	73	1	9
NORTON	41	52	7	39	50	8	-3
OSAGE	134	62	4	139	57	6	-7
OSBORNE	21	50	8	22	53	7	6

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1989-90, 1992-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
	AVE. NUMBER IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	AVE. PERCENT IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	DECILE RANK	AVE. NUMBER IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	AVE. PERCENT IMMUNIZED BY AGE 2	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	57	65	2	48	65	3	0
PAWNEE	41	41	10	50	57	6	39
PHILLIPS	48	52	6	45	50	8	-4
POTTAWATOMIE	162	61	4	168	63	4	3
PRATT	70	57	5	52	52	7	-9
RAWLINS	21	51	7	19	58	5	15
RENO	537	65	2	518	68	2	5
REPUBLIC	43	53	6	30	50	8	-5
RICE	90	61	4	69	53	6	-13
RILEY	414	65	3	350	65	4	0
ROOKS	38	50	8	41	59	5	17
RUSH	29	55	6	24	48	9	-12
RUSSELL	51	49	8	48	49	8	2
SALINE	426	65	2	420	68	2	5
SCOTT	55	64	3	60	70	2	9
SEDGWICK	3,358	58	5	2,945	54	6	-7
SEWARD	155	39	10	164	36	10	-9
SHAWNEE	1,348	66	2	1,303	67	2	2
SHERIDAN	22	70	1	20	78	1	12
SHERMAN	49	47	8	52	60	5	28
SMITH	32	61	4	37	67	3	10
STAFFORD	36	46	9	57	69	2	51
STANTON	34	72	1	26	66	3	-9
STEVENS	36	41	10	36	46	9	12
SUMNER	199	57	5	201	60	5	6
THOMAS	72	63	3	87	69	2	10
TREGO	30	59	4	18	64	4	9
WABAUNSEE	57	57	5	68	81	1	42
WALLACE	26	82	1	14	71	2	-14
WASHINGTON	65	60	4	68	64	4	6
WICHITA	25	57	5	24	61	5	6
WILSON	64	42	9	46	32	10	-24
WOODSON	22	46	8	17	44	9	-5
WYANDOTTE	848	37	10	659	31	10	-16
KANSAS	20,207	57		18,977	57		*

Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Rates are percent of Kindergartners who were fully immunized by age 2, based on a retrospective survey of immunization certificates. No survey was conducted in 1991. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks. As a result of rounding, counties displaying identical base and current year percentages may have a non-zero percent change. * Unlike other indicators, these data are derived from a sample of Kansas children. The current year Kansas rate was estimated at 57.0 percent with a margin of error of plus or minus 1.3 percentage points. We can be reasonably sure (95% confident) that the actual state rate is between 55.7 and 58.3. Such a range implies that current Kansas immunization rates are comparable to base year rates.

LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES

Low birth weight is defined as any baby weighing less than 2,500 grams (about 5.5 pounds). These babies have a much greater likelihood of dying within the first year after their birth and of experiencing developmental problems as they move through the growth stages.

The percentage of low birth weight babies born in this country has been increasing over the last decade. The Kansas rate, while below the national rate, has also been on the rise. While the rate for 1994 at 6.5 percent is higher than the average percentage over the preceding five years, it does mark a slight decline from the 1993 rate of 6.6 percent. It is too early to tell if this represents a trend toward better birth outcomes for children in Kansas.

The small percentages involved here combined with the small number of births in less populated counties can make interpretation of rates in these counties difficult but still meaningful. For example, the percentages of low birth weight babies in Cloud and Rice counties more than doubled in 1994. While these changes only involve 10 or 12 babies they are noteworthy and demand further examination in these counties to determine if something could be done to keep this from recurring.

Among the more populous counties, a significant improvement should be noted for Wyandotte County which had a 10 percent decline in its percentage of low birth weight babies for 1994. Opposite trends can be noted, however, for Shawnee and Johnson counties which experienced increases of 20 and 23 percent respectively.

	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVERAGE # OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	% OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	DECILE RANK	# OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	% OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	12	6.1	7	4	2.5	2	-60
ANDERSON	5	4.9	3	2	2.4	2	-51
ATCHISON	13	5.8	5	10	5.0	5	-14
BARBER	4	5.3	4	5	8.6	9	61
BARTON	28	6.7	8	22	5.4	5	-20
BOURBON	12	5.6	5	12	6.3	7	13
BROWN	9	5.9	6	8	6.2	6	5
BUTLER	44	6.2	7	36	5.0	5	-19
CHASE	2	4.8	2	1	2.6	2	-46
CHAUTAUQUA	4	9.7	10	1	2.6	2	-73
CHEROKEE	22	7.8	10	19	6.8	8	-13
CHEYENNE	2	5.3	4	1	2.9	2	-44
CLARK	1	5.5	4	1	3.3	3	-39
CLAY	5	4.7	2	9	8.4	9	79
CLOUD	6	5.1	3	10	11.0	10	114
COFFEY	5	4.8	2	4	3.5	3	-27
COMANCHE	2	7.0	9	1	4.0	3	-43
COWLEY	35	6.8	9	29	6.0	6	-11
CRAWFORD	25	5.5	4	17	3.4	3	-38
DECATUR	0	.9	1	0	.0	1	-100
DICKINSON	15	5.9	6	15	7.1	8	21
DONIPHAN	6	6.0	6	7	7.1	8	20
DOUGLAS	63	5.8	6	70	6.3	7	8
EDWARDS	2	4.5	2	3	7.7	8	73
ELK	2	7.0	9	2	6.1	6	-13
ELLIS	16	5.2	3	14	4.5	4	-13
ELLSWORTH	3	5.6	5	3	5.7	6	2
FINNEY	49	6.2	7	54	6.6	7	7
FORD	28	5.0	3	33	5.6	5	11
FRANKLIN	20	6.0	6	20	6.3	7	4
GEARY	86	7.5	10	80	8.6	9	15
GOVE	3	7.5	10	3	7.7	8	3
GRAHAM	2	7.2	9	0	.0	1	-100

	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVERAGE # OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	% OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	DECILE RANK	# OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	% OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	7	5.5	4	5	3.6	3	-35
GRAY	4	4.9	3	8	8.0	9	63
GREELEY	1	2.6	1	0	.0	1	-100
GREENWOOD	5	6.7	8	6	7.1	8	5
HAMILTON	2	5.6	5	0	.0	1	-100
HARPER	5	6.0	6	1	1.5	1	-75
HARVEY	23	5.6	5	18	5.0	5	-10
HASKELL	5	6.8	9	7	10.8	10	58
HODGEMAN	2	5.9	6	2	8.3	9	42
JACKSON	9	5.8	6	7	4.4	4	-24
JEFFERSON	12	6.5	8	14	7.3	8	12
JEWELL	2	5.7	5	1	2.5	2	-56
JOHNSON	278	4.9	3	349	6.0	6	23
KEARNY	4	6.1	7	5	7.8	9	27
KINGMAN	7	6.6	8	3	3.8	3	-42
KIOWA	2	4.4	2	3	6.3	7	41
LABETTE	22	6.8	9	20	6.5	7	-5
LANE	2	6.4	7	0	.0	1	-100
LEAVENWORTH	55	6.5	8	60	6.6	7	2
LINCOLN	2	5.4	4	0	.0	1	-100
LINN	5	5.2	4	6	5.7	6	9
LOGAN	2	6.5	8	3	8.8	10	37
LYON	27	5.7	5	21	4.4	4	-24
MARION	7	4.6	2	5	3.3	2	-28
MARSHALL	8	6.4	8	1	.9	1	-85
MCPHERSON	18	4.9	3	18	5.9	6	21
MEADE	3	4.6	2	4	5.3	5	16
MIAMI	21	6.4	7	14	4.4	4	-30
MITCHELL	3	4.1	1	3	4.3	4	5
MONTGOMERY	36	7.2	9	26	6.0	6	-17
MORRIS	5	6.5	8	5	6.1	6	-6
MORTON	1	1.9	1	1	1.9	1	3
NEMAHA	6	4.5	2	10	6.7	7	47
NEOSHO	11	5.0	3	8	4.0	4	-18
NESS	3	8.5	10	2	4.8	5	-44
NORTON	3	4.9	2	3	5.6	5	14
OSAGE	12	6.0	6	9	5.1	5	-16
OSBORNE	2	3.7	1	2	4.5	4	24

	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVERAGE # OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	% OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	DECILE RANK	# OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	% OF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	4	7.5	10	7	11.1	10	48
PAWNEE	6	7.2	9	5	6.2	7	-14
PHILLIPS	3	4.3	1	3	4.1	4	-5
POTTAWATOMIE	13	5.6	5	21	8.1	9	44
PRATT	7	6.1	7	5	4.4	4	-28
RAWLINS	2	5.3	4	4	12.5	10	134
RENO	51	6.3	7	47	6.0	6	-5
REPUBLIC	2	3.1	1	2	3.9	3	25
RICE	6	4.4	2	12	10.6	10	139
RILEY	37	4.4	2	61	5.8	6	31
ROOKS	7	9.3	10	5	7.7	8	-17
RUSH	1	3.7	1	1	3.2	2	-12
RUSSELL	4	5.1	3	7	10.3	10	102
SALINE	45	6.1	6	62	8.1	9	33
SCOTT	4	5.3	4	6	8.7	10	64
SEDGWICK	531	7.1	9	512	7.1	8	0
SEWARD	29	7.4	10	21	5.0	5	-32
SHAWNEE	171	7.2	9	204	8.6	9	20
SHERIDAN	2	5.5	4	0	.0	1	-100
SHERMAN	6	6.7	8	6	6.6	7	-2
SMITH	3	6.4	7	1	2.2	2	-66
STAFFORD	4	6.6	8	4	6.5	7	-3
STANTON	3	7.8	10	4	9.5	10	22
STEVENS	5	6.3	7	3	3.8	3	-39
SUMNER	21	5.9	6	24	6.8	8	14
THOMAS	6	5.0	3	4	3.7	3	-26
TREGO	2	5.8	5	1	4.5	4	-22
WABAUNSEE	3	4.0	1	7	8.4	9	113
WALLACE	2	6.8	9	1	3.3	3	-51
WASHINGTON	4	5.8	5	3	4.6	4	-20
WICHITA	1	3.8	1	4	11.1	10	194
WILSON	8	6.3	7	3	2.7	2	-57
WOODSON	2	5.3	4	1	3.8	3	-28
WYANDOTTE	257	8.7	10	213	7.8	9	-10
KANSAS	2,403	6.3		2,410	6.5		3

Data provided by Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Decile Ranks are scored so that "1" indicates the most positive outcome and "10" indicates the most negative outcome. Negative percent change represents improvement.

HEAD START PARTICIPATION

Head Start is more than custodial day care. It provides a comprehensive program which includes early childhood education, health, nutrition, and social services to boost the school readiness of poor children. Through its work with the families of children served, it can also have an impact on the child's home environment and the lives of parents. While the effectiveness of the program has recently been questioned by some, empirical evidence still points to its benefits particularly when the quality of the program is maintained and children are enrolled for a sufficient time.

After a major expansion in the Head Start program in Kansas in 1994, a much more moderate increase was seen for 1995. The 15 percent growth in 1994 was followed by only a 4 percent increase in 1995. For Kansas in 1995 there were 44 available Head Start slots for every 100 children age 3-4 living in families with incomes below the U.S. poverty threshold. Given that less than half of the children eligible for Head Start in the state could be accommodated in existing programs, there would appear to be room for improvement in this measure. No Head Start program exists at all in 34 out of 105 counties in Kansas.

	BASE YEARS - 1992-94			CURRENT YEAR - 1995			
COUNTY	HEAD START SLOTS AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK	HEAD START SLOTS AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	40	47	3	50	58	3	25
ANDERSON	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
ATCHISON	52	37	4	54	39	6	5
BARBER	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
BARTON	54	27	6	54	27	7	0
BOURBON	40	32	5	50	39	6	24
BROWN	44	48	3	54	59	3	23
BUTLER	87	50	3	98	54	4	9
CHASE	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
CHAUTAUQUA	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
CHEROKEE	110	51	3	110	51	4	1
CHEYENNE	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
CLARK	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
CLAY	60	109	1	60	109	1	0
CLOUD	13	23	6	45	79	2	241
COFFEY	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
COMANCHE	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
COWLEY	68	39	4	85	49	5	24
CRAWFORD	107	42	4	107	42	6	0
DECATUR	16	80	1	17	85	1	6
DICKINSON	45	43	4	45	43	5	0
DONIPHAN	40	77	1	40	80	2	3
DOUGLAS	78	26	6	78	25	7	-5
EDWARDS	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
ELK	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
ELLIS	90	61	2	86	57	3	-6
ELLSWORTH	0	0	10	15	70	2	*
FINNEY	115	55	2	152	67	2	22
FORD	136	77	1	182	99	1	29
FRANKLIN	20	21	6	20	21	7	-2
GEARY	136	36	4	205	53	4	47
GOVE	16	108	1	17	119	1	9
GRAHAM	16	58	2	17	62	3	7

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1992-94			CURRENT YEAR - 1995			
	HEAD START SLOTS AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK	HEAD START SLOTS AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	49	97	1	52	101	1	4
GRAY	0	0	10	15	37	6	*
GREELEY	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
GREENWOOD	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
HAMILTON	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
HARPER	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
HARVEY	49	52	3	49	51	4	-2
HASKELL	0	0	10	10	85	1	*
HODGEMAN	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
JACKSON	40	71	1	40	71	2	0
JEFFERSON	29	48	3	34	56	4	15
JEWELL	18	136	1	18	138	1	2
JOHNSON	201	41	4	227	44	5	8
KEARNY	9	25	6	15	41	6	61
KINGMAN	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
KIOWA	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
LABETTE	90	63	2	90	64	2	2
LANE	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
LEAVENWORTH	93	39	4	92	38	6	-4
LINCOLN	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
LINN	10	27	6	10	27	7	-1
LOGAN	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
LYON	67	36	5	80	42	5	17
MARION	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
MARSHALL	20	31	5	20	31	6	-3
MCPHERSON	33	32	5	60	55	4	76
MEADE	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
MIAMI	40	43	4	40	41	6	-5
MITCHELL	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
MONTGOMERY	129	41	4	136	44	5	7
MORRIS	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
MORTON	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
NEMAHA	40	70	2	36	63	3	-10
NEOSHO	48	51	3	48	52	4	2
NESS	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
NORTON	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
OSAGE	20	29	6	20	29	7	0
OSBORNE	0	0	10	0	0	10	0

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1992-94			CURRENT YEAR - 1995			
	HEAD START SLOTS AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK	HEAD START SLOTS AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE SLOTS PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
PAWNEE	0	0	10	18	71	2	*
PHILLIPS	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
POTTAWATOMIE	39	55	2	37	51	4	-8
PRATT	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
RAWLINS	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
RENO	93	29	6	137	43	5	48
REPUBLIC	17	61	2	17	61	3	1
RICE	18	20	6	18	20	7	0
RILEY	127	31	5	150	36	6	16
ROOKS	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
RUSH	6	33	5	5	28	7	-15
RUSSELL	0	0	10	15	42	5	*
SALINE	85	29	5	132	44	5	54
SCOTT	9	199	1	12	265	1	33
SEDGWICK	876	34	5	944	35	6	5
SEWARD	70	33	5	70	32	6	-2
SHAWNEE	394	54	3	411	56	4	3
SHERIDAN	0	0	10	17	70	2	*
SHERMAN	24	44	4	34	64	3	46
SMITH	0	0	10	18	67	2	*
STAFFORD	0	0	10	0	0	10	0
STANTON	0	0	10	10	50	4	*
STEVENS	0	0	10	10	30	7	*
SUMNER	65	86	1	75	97	1	12
THOMAS	16	30	5	33	61	3	106
TREGO	5	67	2	5	68	2	1
WABAUNSEE	17	66	2	15	58	3	-12
WALLACE	0	0	10	17	94	1	*
WASHINGTON	13	62	2	15	72	2	16
WICHITA	6	49	3	6	49	5	1
WILSON	37	56	2	40	63	3	13
WOODSON	10	45	4	10	45	5	-1
WYANDOTTE	721	46	3	789	51	4	10
KANSAS	5,015	42		5,793	44		4

Head Start data are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Population data are extrapolated from U.S. Census. Positive percentage changes indicate improvement. An * indicates the Head Start Program is new for this county in 1995 and calculation of percent change from base years is not possible.

CHILDCARE FACILITY CAPACITIES

The availability of child care can affect parent's economic opportunities, limit children's chances to experience high-quality environments in their early childhood years and reinforce economic and social inequality. In the United States there is a recognized chronic, and worsening shortage of affordable, safe child care. The availability of child care is central to plans for welfare reform but people of every economic level can fall victim to the lack of availability of adequate child care.

Child care availability is measured as the number of licensed day care slots available for every 100 children under age 13. Scores for the state on this measure rose slightly in 1995 and now meet the national standard of 25 child care slots per 100 children under 13, which is felt to be sufficient to meet demand for child care. Still, only 32 Kansas counties meet or exceed this standard.

	JUNE 1994			JUNE 1995			
COUNTY	TOTAL CHILD CARE CAPACITY	CHILDCARE CAPACITY PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK	TOTAL CHILD CARE CAPACITY	CHILDCARE CAPACITY PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	660	23	4	655	23	5	0
ANDERSON	156	11	10	140	10	10	-10
ATCHISON	598	19	6	635	20	6	7
BARBER	176	15	9	226	19	8	28
BARTON	1,220	20	5	1,213	20	6	-1
BOURBON	401	14	9	593	21	6	48
BROWN	572	25	3	592	26	3	3
BUTLER	2,460	21	5	2,384	20	6	-5
CHASE	68	12	9	110	20	6	62
CHAUTAUQUA	84	11	10	74	10	10	-12
CHEROKEE	668	17	7	737	19	8	11
CHEYENNE	105	20	6	137	26	3	32
CLARK	92	20	5	114	25	3	23
CLAY	512	30	1	512	31	2	0
CLOUD	582	32	1	610	34	1	6
COFFEY	379	24	3	429	27	2	14
COMANCHE	113	27	2	105	25	3	-7
COWLEY	1,467	20	5	1,475	20	6	0
CRAWFORD	1,185	19	6	1,183	19	7	0
DECATUR	186	24	3	166	21	5	-11
DICKINSON	1,079	31	1	1,121	32	1	4
DONIPHAN	154	11	10	228	16	9	50
DOUGLAS	3,988	28	2	4,318	30	2	6
EDWARDS	128	19	6	134	20	7	5
ELK	32	7	10	40	8	10	27
ELLIS	1,521	30	2	1,577	31	2	3
ELLSWORTH	198	18	7	240	22	5	22
FINNEY	1,425	14	9	1,394	13	10	-6
FORD	1,558	24	3	1,649	25	4	4
FRANKLIN	1,080	22	4	1,144	23	4	5
GEARY	1,270	17	8	1,470	19	7	14
GOVE	128	22	4	104	18	8	-17
GRAHAM	168	26	3	170	27	2	2

COUNTY	JUNE, 1994 TOTAL CHILD CARE CAPACITY	CHILDCARE CAPACITY PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK	JUNE, 1995 TOTAL CHILD CARE CAPACITY	CHILDCARE CAPACITY PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	401	21	5	424	22	5	5
GRAY	232	17	7	242	18	8	3
GREELEY	82	18	7	72	16	9	-13
GREENWOOD	209	16	8	243	19	7	18
HAMILTON	84	19	6	102	23	4	22
HARPER	306	23	4	322	24	4	5
HARVEY	1,499	24	3	1,592	26	3	6
HASKELL	140	15	9	138	15	9	-2
HODGEMAN	74	15	8	74	15	9	-2
JACKSON	543	22	4	691	28	2	27
JEFFERSON	658	20	5	797	24	4	20
JEWELL	74	10	10	100	14	9	37
JOHNSON	26,128	33	1	27,782	34	1	3
KEARNY	176	16	8	220	20	7	23
KINGMAN	210	13	9	220	13	10	5
KIOWA	216	34	1	250	39	1	17
LABETTE	1,183	27	2	1,033	24	4	-12
LANE	88	18	7	99	20	6	12
LEAVENWORTH	1,764	13	9	1,957	14	9	10
LINCOLN	122	20	5	142	24	4	17
LINN	146	10	10	162	11	10	11
LOGAN	134	23	4	118	21	5	-11
LYON	1,286	18	7	1,401	19	7	8
MARION	525	23	4	571	25	3	8
MARSHALL	249	10	10	227	9	10	-10
MCPHERSON	1,118	20	6	1,197	21	5	6
MEADE	152	19	6	158	20	7	5
MIAMI	1,015	21	5	1,003	20	6	-2
MITCHELL	305	24	3	347	28	2	15
MONTGOMERY	1,358	19	6	1,449	20	6	8
MORRIS	184	16	8	224	19	7	21
MORTON	132	18	7	150	20	6	14
NEMAHA	519	23	4	513	22	5	-1
NEOSHO	908	29	2	1,026	33	1	14
NESS	68	9	10	72	9	10	6
NORTON	280	31	1	228	26	3	-17
OSAGE	894	30	2	924	31	2	3
OSBORNE	216	27	2	232	29	2	9

COUNTY	JUNE, 1994 TOTAL CHILD CARE CAPACITY	CHILDCARE CAPACITY PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK	JUNE, 1995 TOTAL CHILD CARE CAPACITY	CHILDCARE CAPACITY PER 100 CHILDREN	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	296	27	2	278	25	3	-7
PAWNEE	384	29	2	572	43	1	49
PHILLIPS	223	19	6	247	21	5	11
POTTAWATOMIE	741	19	6	815	21	5	8
PRATT	478	26	3	522	28	2	9
RAWLINS	84	13	9	98	15	9	18
RENO	2,676	23	4	2,729	24	4	3
REPUBLIC	191	18	6	260	25	3	37
RICE	296	14	9	328	16	9	11
RILEY	2,003	17	8	2,266	19	7	12
ROOKS	286	25	3	276	25	4	-2
RUSH	150	25	3	118	20	6	-20
RUSSELL	390	30	2	334	26	3	-13
SALINE	3,214	33	1	3,319	33	1	3
SCOTT	308	30	2	310	30	2	2
SEDGWICK	19,560	22	4	20,977	23	4	6
SEWARD	715	15	8	887	18	8	22
SHAWNEE	9,758	31	1	11,032	35	1	12
SHERIDAN	102	18	7	112	20	7	12
SHERMAN	296	22	4	315	24	4	8
SMITH	159	21	5	168	22	5	7
STAFFORD	188	17	7	202	18	8	6
STANTON	90	16	8	90	16	9	0
STEVENS	163	14	9	177	15	9	8
SUMNER	921	16	8	1,052	18	8	13
THOMAS	552	32	1	598	35	1	8
TREGO	102	15	8	122	18	8	21
WABAUNSEE	250	18	7	225	16	9	-11
WALLACE	42	11	10	66	18	8	59
WASHINGTON	380	34	1	401	37	1	8
WICHITA	96	15	9	68	11	10	-29
WILSON	350	20	5	338	20	7	-1
WOODSON	30	4	10	76	10	10	153
WYANDOTTE	5,975	18	7	6,167	18	8	4
KANSAS	119,540	23		127,726	25		6

Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Childcare capacity includes the number of Registered Day Care Homes, Licensed Day Care Homes, Group Day Care Homes, Child Care Centers, and Preschools as of June, 1994 and June, 1995. Population data represent the number of children under age 13 and are extrapolated from the U.S Census.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Some type of training or education beyond high school, whether it is a four year college or university, a two year college, vocational school or other non-college institution, is increasingly important for today's young adults to successfully compete in the job market. The majority of youth in Kansas go on to some type of post-secondary education within six months of high school graduation. This indicator continued to rise in 1994 to reach the benchmark of three-fourths of our high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education or training.

Counties continue to show wide variations on this measure with the lower decile rankings falling into the 50 to 60 percent range and the top ten percent of counties averaging 80 to 90 percent in post-secondary education in 1994. Anderson, Elk, and Hamilton counties all experienced improvements in this rate of over 20 percent. On the other hand, the rate in Coffey dropped by 25 percent and the county's decile rank dropped from 1 to 10. If further gains are to be made on this indicator, top counties will need to sustain their current levels and those counties with consistently lower rates will need to search for ways to make post-secondary education desirable and available to their high school graduates.

	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER IN SCHOOL/TRAINING	PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	DECILE RANK	NUMBER IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	117	70	8	136	74	7	7
ANDERSON	57	67	9	67	80	4	20
ATCHISON	104	68	8	123	79	4	16
BARBER	51	77	4	59	82	3	6
BARTON	222	75	5	251	78	5	4
BOURBON	123	74	6	115	73	7	-2
BROWN	89	79	3	85	73	7	-8
BUTLER	463	72	7	562	81	3	13
CHASE	27	68	8	17	61	10	-11
CHAUTAUQUA	34	75	5	31	79	4	6
CHEROKEE	134	57	10	120	55	10	-4
CHEYENNE	36	84	1	37	86	1	2
CLARK	28	87	1	22	76	6	-13
CLAY	76	74	6	90	77	6	4
CLOUD	80	70	8	76	73	7	4
COFFEY	99	83	1	67	62	10	-25
COMANCHE	25	78	4	25	89	1	15
COWLEY	292	72	7	266	73	7	2
CRAWFORD	243	72	7	248	71	8	0
DECATUR	35	80	2	37	76	6	-6
DICKINSON	175	68	9	181	69	9	2
DONIPHAN	76	71	7	96	68	9	-5
DOUGLAS	423	66	9	496	75	6	14
EDWARDS	30	73	6	35	83	2	14
ELK	25	57	10	34	69	9	22
ELLIS	183	74	6	228	78	5	6
ELLSWORTH	62	72	7	58	60	10	-16
FINNEY	222	70	8	319	78	5	12
FORD	221	80	2	245	81	3	1
FRANKLIN	168	66	9	152	66	9	0
GEARY	160	54	10	133	51	10	-6
GOVE	40	79	3	44	81	3	3
GRAHAM	33	77	4	26	68	9	-11

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
	AVERAGE NUMBER IN SCHOOL/TRAINING	PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	DECILE RANK	NUMBER IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	**59**	**72**	**7**	**64**	**77**	**6**	**7**
GRAY	60	81	2	64	83	2	2
GREELEY	14	79	3	12	86	2	8
GREENWOOD	56	66	9	59	70	8	6
HAMILTON	22	74	6	25	89	1	21
HARPER	60	71	8	62	74	7	5
HARVEY	253	71	7	286	80	4	12
HASKELL	44	79	3	52	88	1	11
HODGEMAN	24	84	1	14	78	5	-7
JACKSON	101	68	8	78	64	10	-6
JEFFERSON	159	66	9	145	64	10	-4
JEWELL	33	80	2	31	82	3	2
JOHNSON	3,036	82	2	3,088	81	3	-1
KEARNY	42	73	6	49	71	8	-3
KINGMAN	82	77	4	69	75	6	-3
KIOWA	36	78	4	46	90	1	16
LABETTE	206	72	6	203	77	5	7
LANE	27	82	2	29	83	2	1
LEAVENWORTH	434	66	9	457	71	8	8
LINCOLN	34	76	5	33	66	9	-13
LINN	84	66	9	92	69	9	4
LOGAN	36	79	3	43	72	8	-9
LYON	188	60	10	207	57	10	-6
MARION	106	70	8	106	75	6	8
MARSHALL	116	74	5	133	77	5	4
MCPHERSON	211	76	5	244	79	4	4
MEADE	31	80	2	32	78	5	-2
MIAMI	167	67	9	170	69	9	3
MITCHELL	72	75	5	71	77	5	3
MONTGOMERY	267	69	8	245	69	9	0
MORRIS	42	62	10	50	71	8	15
MORTON	42	71	7	29	58	10	-19
NEMAHA	111	78	4	112	75	7	-4
NEOSHO	133	77	4	141	77	5	1
NESS	42	77	4	53	84	2	10
NORTON	64	77	4	50	81	3	5
OSAGE	116	63	10	113	62	10	-1
OSBORNE	25	83	1	28	82	2	-1

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
	AVERAGE NUMBER IN SCHOOL/TRAINING	PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	DECILE RANK	NUMBER IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	PERCENT IN SCHOOL/ TRAINING	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	**54**	**72**	**7**	**52**	**74**	**7**	**3**
PAWNEE	65	75	5	58	71	8	-5
PHILLIPS	52	74	6	73	82	3	11
POTTAWATOMIE	160	71	7	149	69	9	-4
PRATT	83	78	4	82	73	7	-6
RAWLINS	29	81	2	24	83	2	3
RENO	416	66	9	468	75	6	13
REPUBLIC	53	79	3	61	81	3	4
RICE	86	75	5	86	79	4	5
RILEY	379	84	1	395	87	1	4
ROOKS	63	77	4	70	79	5	2
RUSH	41	86	1	49	88	1	2
RUSSELL	64	74	6	64	82	2	11
SALINE	349	71	7	347	74	7	4
SCOTT	58	81	2	53	80	4	-1
SEDGWICK	2,174	64	10	2,490	72	7	14
SEWARD	132	65	10	160	75	6	15
SHAWNEE	999	65	10	1,062	72	8	12
SHERIDAN	33	85	1	33	83	2	-3
SHERMAN	61	82	2	63	80	4	-2
SMITH	47	79	3	57	92	1	16
STAFFORD	47	80	2	60	86	2	7
STANTON	26	91	1	29	81	3	-11
STEVENS	55	78	3	62	79	4	2
SUMNER	192	68	9	234	75	6	11
THOMAS	88	87	1	87	92	1	5
TREGO	32	76	5	35	80	4	4
WABAUNSEE	57	73	6	53	85	2	17
WALLACE	24	79	3	20	83	2	5
WASHINGTON	91	78	3	94	80	4	3
WICHITA	28	75	5	29	71	8	-6
WILSON	90	70	8	86	71	8	2
WOODSON	27	73	6	26	76	6	4
WYANDOTTE	939	65	10	958	69	9	7
KANSAS	17,879	71		18,935	75		6

Data provided by the Kansas Department of Education Information is obtained from the annual survey of graduates conducted by the school districts 5-6 months after graduation. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

BIRTHS TO MOTHERS WITH LESS THAN A HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE

This indicator is calculated as the percent of all live births where the mother has not received a high school degree prior to the birth of the child. Being born to a mother who does not have a high school degree exposes the child to multiple risks. The pregnant mother without a high school degree is more likely to be a teen, to smoke during pregnancy and engage in other behaviors which could be detrimental to the child in utero, and less likely to get early and complete prenatal care. She is more likely to experience complications during pregnancy and at birth which could be detrimental to her unborn child resulting in low birth weight. Due to her lack of education she is more likely to live in poverty and expose her newborn child to the added dangers of growing up in poverty. Children of mothers without a high school degree are themselves less likely to experience academic success than those whose mothers have a high school degree.

The percentage of births to mothers without a high school degree in Kansas appears to be steady at around 17 percent. The actual number of births to mothers without a high school degree continued to decline from 6,465 in 1993 to 6,256 in 1994. County rates vary widely across the state from a high of 47 percent in Seward County to 5 percent in Johnson County. Among the more populated counties in the state, noticeable declines can be seen this year in Cherokee, Cowley, Crawford, Douglas, Geary, and Johnson counties while Ford, Lyon and Seward counties showed substantial increases. While only involving 11 births to mothers without a high school degree, the percentage of these births more than doubled in Republic County in 1994

	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVE. # BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HS DEGREE	% BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HS DEGREE	DECILE RANK	# BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HS DEGREE	% BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HS DEGREE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	33	18	7	31	19	8	10
ANDERSON	20	21	8	14	17	7	-20
ATCHISON	38	17	6	29	14	6	-14
BARBER	9	13	4	9	16	6	23
BARTON	89	21	9	79	19	7	-8
BOURBON	40	19	8	38	20	8	6
BROWN	27	18	7	24	19	7	5
BUTLER	95	13	4	86	12	4	-9
CHASE	5	15	5	8	21	8	39
CHAUTAUQUA	8	21	9	6	16	6	-25
CHEROKEE	84	30	10	70	26	9	-12
CHEYENNE	2	6	1	5	15	6	140
CLARK	2	9	2	2	7	2	-29
CLAY	15	14	5	14	13	5	-9
CLOUD	14	12	3	9	10	3	-19
COFFEY	16	16	6	13	12	4	-29
COMANCHE	4	15	5	2	8	2	-46
COWLEY	105	21	8	82	17	7	-17
CRAWFORD	88	20	8	76	16	6	-22
DECATUR	4	9	2	1	2	1	-75
DICKINSON	40	16	6	34	16	7	-0
DONIPHAN	18	18	7	19	20	8	11
DOUGLAS	100	9	2	88	8	2	-14
EDWARDS	9	23	9	4	10	3	-55
ELK	7	21	9	5	15	6	-28
ELLIS	16	5	1	10	3	1	-36
ELLSWORTH	6	9	2	7	13	5	43
FINNEY	328	42	10	342	43	10	2
FORD	187	33	10	242	41	10	24
FRANKLIN	70	21	8	57	18	7	-14
GEARY	183	16	6	124	13	5	-16
GOVE	3	8	1	4	11	3	40
GRAHAM	3	8	1	2	8	2	-9

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
	AVE. # BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HS DEGREE	% BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HS DEGREE	DECILE RANK	# BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HS DEGREE	% BIRTHS TO MOTHERS W/O HS DEGREE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	51	39	10	50	36	10	-8
GRAY	20	26	9	29	30	10	12
GREELEY	4	17	7	4	19	7	10
GREENWOOD	15	19	8	21	25	9	30
HAMILTON	4	13	4	1	5	1	-65
HARPER	15	19	7	7	11	4	-44
HARVEY	66	16	6	51	14	5	-12
HASKELL	21	28	10	21	33	10	19
HODGEMAN	4	15	6	2	8	3	-46
JACKSON	20	13	4	21	13	5	2
JEFFERSON	20	11	3	23	12	4	12
JEWELL	4	12	4	3	8	2	-38
JOHNSON	322	6	1	267	5	1	-18
KEARNY	25	35	10	20	32	10	-11
KINGMAN	13	13	4	7	9	3	-30
KIOWA	7	16	6	10	21	8	33
LABETTE	76	24	9	89	29	10	21
LANE	4	15	5	1	4	1	-71
LEAVENWORTH	121	14	4	117	13	5	-10
LINCOLN	3	10	2	0	0	1	-100
LINN	14	15	5	17	16	7	4
LOGAN	4	11	3	2	6	1	-46
LYON	116	22	9	124	27	9	21
MARION	20	14	4	19	13	4	-8
MARSHALL	16	12	4	11	10	3	-17
MCPHERSON	55	15	5	44	14	6	-6
MEADE	10	17	7	15	20	8	20
MIAMI	41	13	4	40	13	4	0
MITCHELL	7	9	2	6	9	3	2
MONTGOMERY	127	26	9	106	25	9	-5
MORRIS	14	18	7	14	17	7	-6
MORTON	13	31	10	11	22	9	-31
NEMAHA	7	5	1	6	4	1	-19
NEOSHO	43	19	8	40	20	8	5
NESS	4	11	3	6	14	5	28
NORTON	5	9	2	6	11	4	24
OSAGE	25	13	4	17	10	3	-26
OSBORNE	5	10	3	6	14	5	37
OTTAWA	6	10	3	8	13	4	24
PAWNEE	11	14	5	10	13	4	-14
PHILLIPS	7	10	3	10	14	5	36
POTTAWATOMIE	23	10	2	13	5	1	-48
PRATT	19	17	7	12	11	4	-38
RAWLINS	4	11	3	2	6	2	-43
RENO	159	20	8	156	20	8	1
REPUBLIC	5	9	2	11	22	9	136
RICE	21	16	6	18	16	6	-2
RILEY	63	8	1	80	8	2	1
ROOKS	7	10	2	3	5	1	-51
RUSH	6	15	5	3	10	3	-37
RUSSELL	11	15	5	16	24	9	59
SALINE	115	16	6	120	16	6	0
SCOTT	13	18	7	17	25	9	35
SEDGWICK	1,508	20	8	1,418	20	8	-2
SEWARD	161	41	10	192	47	10	14
SHAWNEE	413	17	7	419	18	7	2
SHERIDAN	2	7	1	2	7	2	11
SHERMAN	20	22	9	16	18	7	-17
SMITH	4	10	2	7	15	6	58
STAFFORD	10	17	6	14	23	9	36
STANTON	15	35	10	12	29	9	-19
STEVENS	17	23	9	24	31	10	35
SUMNER	58	17	6	50	14	5	-15
THOMAS	14	12	3	12	11	4	-4
TREGO	2	5	1	2	9	3	74
WABAUNSEE	8	10	3	6	7	2	-28
WALLACE	4	15	5	2	7	2	-55
WASHINGTON	6	8	1	4	6	2	-24
WICHITA	8	21	8	9	25	9	22
WILSON	26	22	9	23	21	8	-5
WOODSON	6	17	7	4	15	6	-10
WYANDOTTE	813	28	10	791	29	10	5
KANSAS	6,577	17		6,256	17		-3

Data provided by Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Decile Ranks are scored so that "1" indicates the most positive outcome and "10" indicates the most negative outcome. Negative percent change represents improvement.

STUDENTS GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL

The percentage of students graduating high school on time is calculated by comparing the number of students graduating in the most recent class with the ninth grade enrollment four years earlier. We are unable at this time to adjust this percentage for transfers of students into and out of the district as statewide data on this migration of students is not available. Therefore, it should be recognized that counties experiencing growth in the high school age population in their communities are likely to have inflated graduation percentages while schools experiencing declining numbers in this age group may have lower than expected graduation rates.

Historically, Kansas has ranked high on this and related indicators. In the most recent report of national Kids Count data, only five states had lower dropout rates. However, the graduation rate in Kansas has been declining in recent years and this trend has continued. In 1994 the rate dropped below 80 percent for the first time in the five years that the Kansas Kids Count project has been in operation. While graduation rates of 90 percent and higher are still common across counties in Kansas, there have been significant drops in rates for some of the more populated counties in the state. Wyandotte County registered an alarming drop of 31 percent in its graduation rate for 1994 compared to the average for the previous four years.

	BASE YEARS · 1990-93			CURRENT YEAR · 1994			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER OF GRADUATES	GRADUATION PERCENT	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF GRADUATES	GRADUATION PERCENT	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	161	84	9	183	85	6	1
ANDERSON	83	87	8	84	82	7	-5
ATCHISON	152	81	9	156	78	9	-3
BARBER	65	89	5	72	97	2	9
BARTON	292	86	8	320	91	4	6
BOURBON	166	86	8	158	82	8	-5
BROWN	109	88	6	116	91	4	3
BUTLER	650	86	8	694	84	7	-3
CHASE	40	92	3	28	68	10	-26
CHAUTAUQUA	48	86	8	39	74	9	-14
CHEROKEE	238	80	9	219	77	9	-4
CHEYENNE	42	88	6	43	88	5	0
CLARK	32	94	2	29	83	7	-12
CLAY	105	89	5	117	94	3	6
CLOUD	105	91	4	104	97	2	7
COFFEY	122	94	2	108	92	4	-1
COMANCHE	28	100	1	28	97	2	-4
COWLEY	391	76	10	363	79	9	4
CRAWFORD	345	83	9	348	82	8	-2
DECATUR	45	95	2	49	100	1	12
DICKINSON	262	87	8	262	84	7	-3
DONIPHAN	106	87	7	141	100	1	20
DOUGLAS	573	82	9	660	91	4	11
EDWARDS	40	89	6	42	84	7	-5
ELK	44	88	6	49	100	1	18
ELLIS	239	91	4	291	94	3	4
ELLSWORTH	94	94	2	96	99	2	6
FINNEY	326	74	10	407	79	9	7
FORD	258	77	10	301	89	5	15
FRANKLIN	245	81	9	231	79	9	-2
GEARY	278	70	10	261	65	10	-8
GOVE	51	96	1	54	96	2	0
GRAHAM	41	97	1	38	90	4	-7

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1990-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
	AVERAGE NUMBER OF GRADUATES	GRADUATION PERCENT	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF GRADUATES	GRADUATION PERCENT	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	82	79	10	83	65	10	-18
GRAY	76	90	5	77	85	6	-6
GREELEY	25	93	3	14	64	10	-31
GREENWOOD	88	94	2	84	93	3	-1
HAMILTON	28	89	5	28	80	8	-10
HARPER	81	86	8	84	82	8	-5
HARVEY	346	90	5	357	86	6	-4
HASKELL	61	90	5	59	100	1	13
HODGEMAN	32	94	2	18	72	10	-23
JACKSON	139	90	5	121	83	7	-8
JEFFERSON	239	90	4	227	93	4	3
JEWELL	51	98	1	38	97	2	-1
JOHNSON	3,511	87	7	3,790	89	5	2
KEARNY	57	90	5	69	93	3	3
KINGMAN	103	91	4	92	80	8	-12
KIOWA	49	93	2	51	94	3	1
LABETTE	278	81	9	262	81	8	-1
LANE	32	87	7	35	85	6	-2
LEAVENWORTH	690	88	7	640	82	7	-6
LINCOLN	43	92	4	50	83	7	-9
LINN	109	88	6	134	93	3	5
LOGAN	47	95	2	60	100	1	15
LYON	341	80	9	364	80	9	0
MARION	147	93	3	141	91	4	-2
MARSHALL	150	89	6	172	96	2	8
MCPHERSON	272	87	7	308	88	6	0
MEADE	40	94	2	41	89	5	-5
MIAMI	238	84	9	247	85	6	1
MITCHELL	93	96	1	92	96	2	0
MONTGOMERY	378	74	10	355	70	10	-5
MORRIS	67	88	6	70	97	2	11
MORTON	54	92	3	50	86	6	-6
NEMAHA	128	100	1	150	100	1	4
NEOSHO	185	87	7	182	82	8	-6
NESS	55	95	2	63	94	3	-1
NORTON	85	96	1	62	83	7	-14
OSAGE	188	90	5	182	83	7	-8
OSBORNE	33	93	3	34	85	6	-9

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1990-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
	AVERAGE NUMBER OF GRADUATES	GRADUATION PERCENT	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF GRADUATES	GRADUATION PERCENT	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	77	91	4	70	93	3	2
PAWNEE	90	88	6	82	76	9	-14
PHILLIPS	70	89	6	89	90	5	1
POTTAWATOMIE	219	92	3	217	88	5	-4
PRATT	108	87	7	112	95	3	9
RAWLINS	36	98	1	29	100	1	10
RENO	610	82	9	622	79	9	-4
REPUBLIC	68	93	3	75	96	2	4
RICE	121	85	8	109	86	6	1
RILEY	450	87	7	455	92	4	6
ROOKS	83	96	1	89	89	5	-7
RUSH	47	90	4	56	100	1	21
RUSSELL	79	87	7	78	81	8	-7
SALINE	491	87	7	472	83	7	-5
SCOTT	74	88	6	66	90	4	3
SEDGWICK	3,503	75	10	3,437	63	10	-15
SEWARD	215	76	10	214	67	10	-11
SHAWNEE	1,447	75	10	1,472	72	10	-5
SHERIDAN	38	94	2	40	98	2	3
SHERMAN	78	79	10	79	75	9	-6
SMITH	59	91	4	62	90	5	-2
STAFFORD	62	85	8	70	89	5	4
STANTON	33	92	3	36	95	3	3
STEVENS	72	91	4	78	85	6	-7
SUMNER	296	88	6	310	88	5	0
THOMAS	102	91	4	95	87	6	-4
TREGO	42	96	1	44	100	1	12
WABAUNSEE	71	87	7	62	78	9	-10
WALLACE	32	92	3	24	100	1	13
WASHINGTON	116	93	3	117	93	4	0
WICHITA	39	91	4	41	80	8	-12
WILSON	137	85	8	121	82	8	-4
WOODSON	38	90	5	34	92	4	2
WYANDOTTE	1,863	79	9	1,385	55	10	-31
KANSAS	25,246	83		25,319	79		-5

Data are from Kansas State Board of Education. Rates are the percentage of ninth graders who graduated four years later. Positive percent changes indicate improvement. Migration into or out of the school district between 9th and 12th grade may account for a proportion of increases or decreases in some rates. Currently there are no state wide data available that would allow for an accurate determination of the influence of migration.

REPORTED CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

Child abuse and neglect involves situations where the child's family or community have failed to protect and nurture its children. This failure can arise from many causes. It can involve brutal acts of momentary violence or the more subtle long-term omissions of neglect. In all cases it involves serious harm to the child which can effect both their emotional and physical well-being for the rest of their lives. In many ways it represents the ultimate failure to fulfill our responsibilities to children and families.

Reports of abuse and neglect represent a call for help. For many families and in many communities the abuse/neglect hotline may represent the only available or visible source of help. Not all reports of abuse or neglect are true. However, based on national data, it can be estimated that at least half of the reports involve situations where the child may be at risk or the family could benefit by some form of external help. At the same time, we know that less than half of the abused and neglected children in a community are reported to child protective services.

In Kansas, reports of child abuse and neglect have increased by almost 50 percent over the past five years. We can be confident that this reported change represents a real increase in calls for help. Several factors, however, make it difficult to know whether this is an accurate measure of the increase in abuse and neglect in our state. Some of these difficulties go beyond the general problems associated with the lack of reporting and false reports and arise from data processing problems within the state of Kansas. In our judgement, data on reports of child abuse and neglect provided by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services could not be trusted for the years 1992 and 1993. The *1994 Kansas Kids Count Data Book* provided only baseline data and no new rates. This year we have decided to provide figures for 1994 but only on the indicator pages. Abuse/neglect data for individual counties is not presented on the county pages because we believe that problems still exist in the processing of these data from some counties. Overall we believe that the data have improved and that the problems may be limited to some of the smaller counties in the state making state figures and figures for some larger counties more reliable. We would urge caution in interpreting any data presented here on reports of abuse and neglect. In particular, any trends indicating a decrease in reporting rates should be viewed with skepticism in that such a trend runs counter to experiences across the country and the direct experiences of those working in the child welfare field.

	BASE YEARS - 1987-89, 1991			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVE. NUMBER REPORTED CASES	REPORTED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER REPORTED CASES	REPORTED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	111	28	6	9	2	2	-92
ANDERSON	64	31	7	1	0	1	-99
ATCHISON	108	23	4	74	15	3	-34
BARBER	38	24	5	15	9	2	-61
BARTON	305	38	8	544	66	9	73
BOURBON	155	40	8	90	23	5	-42
BROWN	121	40	8	63	20	4	-49
BUTLER	368	25	5	330	24	5	-7
CHASE	11	15	3	37	48	8	213
CHAUTAUQUA	10	10	2	15	14	3	44
CHEROKEE	349	62	10	472	80	10	30
CHEYENNE	33	42	9	25	30	6	-28
CLARK	17	28	6	7	11	2	-60
CLAY	78	33	7	53	22	5	-34
CLOUD	73	29	6	106	39	7	35
COFFEY	109	48	9	64	27	6	-44
COMANCHE	7	12	2	7	12	3	-4
COWLEY	262	27	5	544	55	9	107
CRAWFORD	443	53	10	445	52	9	-2
DECATUR	13	12	2	26	24	5	96
DICKINSON	167	34	7	241	47	8	39
DONIPHAN	55	26	5	27	12	3	-55
DOUGLAS	962	58	10	1,387	89	10	54
EDWARDS	18	19	4	66	66	9	254
ELK	14	20	4	12	15	3	-23
ELLIS	223	33	7	151	22	5	-33
ELLSWORTH	27	17	3	9	6	2	-68
FINNEY	458	41	9	315	32	7	-22
FORD	295	37	8	465	61	9	65
FRANKLIN	288	47	9	441	72	10	54
GEARY	407	45	9	851	96	10	113
GOVE	2	2	1	37	38	7	2135
GRAHAM	27	30	6	68	68	9	130

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1987-89, 1991 AVE. NUMBER REPORTED CASES	REPORTED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1994 NUMBER REPORTED CASES	REPORTED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	59	24	5	76	31	6	31
GRAY	19	11	2	19	11	3	3
GREELEY	3	5	1	0	0	1	-100
GREENWOOD	46	25	5	4	2	1	-92
HAMILTON	2	4	1	0	0	1	-100
HARPER	71	39	8	77	42	8	6
HARVEY	385	47	9	486	60	9	27
HASKELL	12	10	2	38	30	6	210
HODGEMAN	4	7	1	23	38	7	479
JACKSON	59	18	4	35	10	2	-42
JEFFERSON	137	31	7	125	28	6	-10
JEWELL	12	11	2	20	18	4	55
JOHNSON	1,469	16	3	2,748	31	6	101
KEARNY	10	7	1	0	0	1	-100
KINGMAN	76	33	7	67	29	6	-13
KIOWA	25	26	5	26	27	5	2
LABETTE	235	37	8	620	93	10	149
LANE	9	14	3	1	1	1	-89
LEAVENWORTH	681	40	8	440	26	5	-34
LINCOLN	11	13	2	14	15	3	23
LINN	130	61	10	26	12	3	-80
LOGAN	10	13	2	16	18	4	46
LYON	540	58	10	548	60	9	3
MARION	107	35	7	50	16	4	-54
MARSHALL	43	14	3	4	1	1	-91
MCPHERSON	269	38	8	482	69	10	82
MEADE	33	29	6	38	31	7	9
MIAMI	290	45	9	188	29	6	-34
MITCHELL	22	11	2	37	18	4	60
MONTGOMERY	321	32	7	212	20	4	-37
MORRIS	45	29	6	120	76	10	161
MORTON	20	19	4	18	17	4	-10
NEMAHA	32	11	2	15	5	2	-55
NEOSHO	157	35	7	30	6	2	-82
NESS	8	8	1	7	6	2	-15
NORTON	38	28	6	20	14	3	-51
OSAGE	223	54	10	149	35	7	-34
OSBORNE	25	21	4	22	17	4	-18

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1987-89, 1991 AVE. NUMBER REPORTED CASES	REPORTED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1994 NUMBER REPORTED CASES	REPORTED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	32	22	4	53	36	7	61
PAWNEE	86	44	9	87	44	8	-1
PHILLIPS	49	30	6	71	40	7	36
POTTAWATOMIE	140	30	6	303	67	9	126
PRATT	82	33	7	71	28	6	-14
RAWLINS	13	14	3	7	7	2	-50
RENO	822	52	10	1,074	65	9	26
REPUBLIC	25	17	3	44	28	6	70
RICE	46	16	3	73	25	5	55
RILEY	424	29	6	678	48	8	63
ROOKS	29	18	4	62	36	7	100
RUSH	23	27	5	16	17	4	-37
RUSSELL	39	21	4	49	25	5	18
SALINE	302	23	5	270	21	4	-12
SCOTT	14	9	1	8	5	2	-46
SEDGWICK	4,280	38	8	7,219	67	9	74
SEWARD	318	54	10	604	107	10	97
SHAWNEE	1,229	29	6	3,599	86	10	191
SHERIDAN	3	4	1	2	2	1	-44
SHERMAN	109	59	10	101	51	8	-14
SMITH	28	25	5	22	18	4	-28
STAFFORD	52	37	8	44	32	7	-14
STANTON	13	17	3	11	14	3	-16
STEVENS	31	20	4	32	21	5	7
SUMNER	237	32	7	371	51	8	61
THOMAS	46	20	4	105	44	8	125
TREGO	2	2	1	29	28	6	1456
WABAUNSEE	27	15	3	85	46	8	209
WALLACE	21	40	9	2	4	2	-91
WASHINGTON	14	8	1	0	0	1	-100
WICHITA	9	10	2	2	2	1	-79
WILSON	109	41	9	135	47	8	14
WOODSON	40	40	9	34	34	7	-16
WYANDOTTE	3,058	66	10	4,473	93	10	41
KANSAS	23,005	34.8		33,555	51.2		47

Rates are per 1,000 children under age 18. Abuse and neglect data are provided by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services and Native American Family Services Inc. Population data are estimated from the 1990 U.S. Census.

CONFIRMED CHILD ABUSE / NEGLECT

In 1994, Kansas confirmed just over 10 percent of the reported cases of child abuse and neglect in the state. This confirmation rate is substantially lower than other states which generally range between 30 and 50 percent. The national rate is about 40 percent. Furthermore, the confirmation rate in Kansas for 1994 is considerably lower than the already low 12 percent rate observed in the base years (1987-89, and 1991).

Given these low confirmation rates, and the fact that an estimated 50 percent of cases of abuse/neglect go unreported, the number of confirmed cases of abuse and neglect in Kansas counties must be viewed as an extremely conservative estimate of the incidence of abuse and neglect in our state.

As noted in the previous table for reported child abuse/neglect, there is concern that data collection on reported and confirmed cases of child abuse/neglect are not reliable in Kansas. Data provided by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services for 1990, 1992 and 1993 were not used because of apparent under-recording of cases in 30 to 40 percent of the counties. This under-recording appears to be most prevalent in smaller counties and therefore has somewhat less of an effect on overall state numbers.

While we feel that the data for 1994 have improved, evidence of continuing problems have led us to exclude abuse/neglect data from the county pages of the *1996 Kansas Kids Count Data Book*. We are providing county and state data on the indicator data tables but urge that it be used with caution when viewing individual county data. In our view, any county reporting declining or even constant levels of confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect should be regarded with skepticism.

Both the failure to properly record reports and confirmations and the decreasing confirmation rate for reported cases of child abuse and neglect lead to lowered numbers of confirmed cases. Despite this problem, the state has experienced a 25 percent increase in the number of confirmed cases of child

	BASE YEARS - 1987-89 & 91			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVERAGE # CONFIRMED CASES	CONFIRMED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER CONFIRMED CASES	CONFIRMED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	12	3	4	1	0	3	-92
ANDERSON	14	7	9	0	0	2	-100
ATCHISON	11	2	4	6	1	3	-48
BARBER	5	3	4	0	0	2	-100
BARTON	30	4	6	76	9	9	147
BOURBON	15	4	6	17	4	7	16
BROWN	16	5	8	10	3	6	-38
BUTLER	51	4	5	21	1	4	-57
CHASE	1	2	3	20	26	10	1455
CHAUTAUQUA	2	1	2	1	1	3	-36
CHEROKEE	65	12	10	89	15	10	31
CHEYENNE	4	4	7	3	4	6	-19
CLARK	3	4	6	0	0	2	-100
CLAY	17	7	10	10	4	6	-44
CLOUD	13	5	8	4	1	4	-72
COFFEY	17	7	10	17	7	8	-3
COMANCHE	3	5	8	0	0	2	-100
COWLEY	31	3	5	92	9	9	201
CRAWFORD	83	10	10	46	5	7	-46
DECATUR	4	4	6	0	0	2	-100
DICKINSON	19	4	6	41	8	9	105
DONIPHAN	7	3	5	11	5	7	45
DOUGLAS	90	5	8	192	12	10	128
EDWARDS	5	5	7	6	6	8	27
ELK	1	1	2	2	3	5	83
ELLIS	38	6	9	30	4	7	-22
ELLSWORTH	3	2	3	2	1	3	-22
FINNEY	33	3	4	17	2	4	-41
FORD	31	4	6	13	2	4	-55
FRANKLIN	21	3	5	22	4	6	7
GEARY	55	6	9	102	12	10	90
GOVE	0	0	1	6	6	8	2074
GRAHAM	5	6	9	13	13	10	131

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1987-89 & 91			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
	AVERAGE # CONFIRMED CASES	CONFIRMED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER CONFIRMED CASES	CONFIRMED ABUSE/NEGLECT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	5	2	4	12	5	7	131
GRAY	2	1	2	1	1	3	-41
GREELEY	0	0	1	0	0	2	-100
GREENWOOD	4	2	3	2	1	3	-50
HAMILTON	1	1	1	0	0	2	-100
HARPER	16	9	10	7	4	6	-57
HARVEY	60	7	10	61	8	9	1
HASKELL	2	2	3	3	2	5	50
HODGEMAN	0	0	1	1	2	4	*
JACKSON	7	2	3	12	4	6	80
JEFFERSON	15	3	5	13	3	5	-15
JEWELL	4	3	5	3	3	5	-22
JOHNSON	185	2	3	215	2	5	25
KEARNY	1	1	1	0	0	2	-100
KINGMAN	12	5	8	4	2	4	-67
KIOWA	8	8	10	2	2	5	-76
LABETTE	24	4	6	44	7	8	71
LANE	1	2	2	0	0	2	-100
LEAVENWORTH	75	4	7	85	5	7	17
LINCOLN	1	1	2	3	3	6	189
LINN	13	6	9	1	0	3	-93
LOGAN	3	3	5	0	0	2	-100
LYON	46	5	7	33	4	6	-26
MARION	12	4	6	10	3	6	-18
MARSHALL	4	1	2	1	0	3	-72
MCPHERSON	18	3	4	33	5	7	82
MEADE	1	1	2	0	0	2	-100
MIAMI	24	4	6	13	2	4	-45
MITCHELL	4	2	4	0	0	2	-100
MONTGOMERY	52	5	8	54	5	7	-1
MORRIS	8	5	8	20	13	10	140
MORTON	7	6	9	0	0	2	-100
NEMAHA	4	1	2	6	2	4	45
NEOSHO	31	7	9	1	0	2	-97
NESS	1	1	1	0	0	2	-100
NORTON	3	2	3	2	1	3	-26
OSAGE	18	4	7	19	5	7	1
OSBORNE	5	4	7	3	2	5	-45
OTTAWA	8	5	8	3	2	4	-61
PAWNEE	15	8	10	16	8	9	5
PHILLIPS	4	2	4	14	8	9	252
POTTAWATOMIE	23	5	7	16	4	6	-27
PRATT	18	7	10	19	8	9	7
RAWLINS	1	1	1	1	1	3	23
RENO	89	6	9	111	7	8	20
REPUBLIC	3	2	3	5	3	5	89
RICE	3	1	2	9	3	5	191
RILEY	46	3	5	79	6	8	76
ROOKS	5	3	4	20	11	10	313
RUSH	5	5	7	4	4	7	-18
RUSSELL	7	4	5	11	6	8	58
SALINE	88	7	9	48	4	6	-46
SCOTT	2	1	2	3	2	4	88
SEDGWICK	438	4	6	509	5	7	20
SEWARD	41	7	9	42	7	8	6
SHAWNEE	189	5	7	392	9	9	106
SHERIDAN	0	0	1	0	0	2	*
SHERMAN	10	5	8	20	10	10	85
SMITH	4	3	5	9	7	8	109
STAFFORD	13	9	10	2	1	4	-84
STANTON	4	5	7	0	0	2	-100
STEVENS	7	4	6	0	0	2	-100
SUMNER	40	5	8	21	3	5	-47
THOMAS	5	2	3	15	6	8	211
TREGO	0	0	1	8	8	9	2904
WABAUNSEE	3	2	3	31	17	10	995
WALLACE	2	3	4	0	0	2	-100
WASHINGTON	1	1	1	0	0	2	-100
WICHITA	1	1	2	0	0	2	-100
WILSON	13	5	7	25	9	9	70
WOODSON	3	3	4	13	13	10	408
WYANDOTTE	300	7	9	444	9	9	42
KANSAS	2,761	4		3,430	5		25

Rates are per 1,000 children under age 18. Abuse and neglect data are provided by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services and Native American Family Services Inc. Population data are estimated from the 1990 U.S. Census.

*Zero events in the base years prevent calculation of percent change scores.

OUT - OF - HOME PLACEMENT

The out-of-home placement rate reported here is the number of children living apart from their parents and in the custody of the state or local tribal councils per 1000 children age 18 and under. While this indicator has been used in the last three Kansas Kids Count Data Books, this year there were significant changes in how the data were collected and processed by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. We believe that the new data will provide a more accurate and more current picture of the placement of children from specific counties in Kansas. However, the new data were difficult to reconcile with the old and were likely to create inaccurate representations of trends within the counties. For this reason we have restricted data on out-of-home placement of children to include only data from the two most recent years for which the new data source was available - 1994 and 1995. The resulting limitation is that longer trends in placement data are not available from this report. We believe that this sacrifice is worth the more accurate picture that these data will provide of the current situation and of future trends.

The out-of-home placement data reported this year reflect one additional change in the data sources. This year we were able to obtain data on placement of Native American children outside their family of origin but under the jurisdiction of their tribes. Only five counties - Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Shawnee, and Jefferson - are affected by these additional counts and the number of children involved is small (total of 28 children). Nevertheless, we believe that it is important to include all Kansas children in Kids Count and are pleased to be able to incorporate these data into our book this year.

Statewide data on out-of-home placement should be comparable with past reports and appear to indicate a leveling off or slight decrease in rates for the past two years. It appears that rates may have peaked in 1993. Rates vary tremendously across our state even in our most populated counties, ranging from a high of 20 in Wyandotte county to half that in Sedgwick county.

	BASE YEARS - JUNE, 1994			CURRENT YEAR - JUNE, 1995			
COUNTY	NUMBER IN PLACEMENT	PLACEMENT RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER IN PLACEMENT	PLACEMENT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	57	14	10	74	18	10	31
ANDERSON	5	3	2	7	4	4	42
ATCHISON	27	6	6	39	8	8	46
BARBER	7	4	4	7	4	5	0
BARTON	69	9	8	59	8	7	-14
BOURBON	35	9	8	32	8	8	-8
BROWN	25	8	8	18	6	6	-28
BUTLER	87	5	5	94	6	6	7
CHASE	6	8	7	10	13	10	68
CHATAUQUA	5	5	4	3	3	3	-39
CHEROKEE	54	9	9	45	8	8	-16
CHEYENNE	2	3	2	3	4	4	52
CLARK	0	0	1	1	2	1	*
CLAY	23	10	9	16	7	7	-30
CLOUD	9	4	3	19	8	8	115
COFFEY	11	5	5	6	3	2	-45
COMANCHE	4	7	7	1	2	2	-75
COWLEY	80	8	7	77	8	7	-4
CRAWFORD	131	16	10	137	16	10	6
DECATUR	3	3	3	2	2	2	-32
DICKINSON	30	6	6	17	3	3	-43
DONIPHAN	7	3	3	8	4	4	17
DOUGLAS	211	11	9	204	10	9	-5
EDWARDS	6	7	6	4	4	5	-32
ELK	8	12	10	6	9	9	-23
ELLIS	44	6	6	29	4	4	-34
ELLSWORTH	3	2	1	7	4	5	135
FINNEY	94	7	6	121	9	8	25
FORD	64	7	7	55	6	6	-15
FRANKLIN	70	11	10	60	9	9	-14
GEARY	76	8	8	61	6	7	-20
GOVE	4	5	5	3	4	4	-23
GRAHAM	12	14	10	10	12	9	-15

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - JUNE, 1994			CURRENT YEAR - JUNE, 1995			
	NUMBER IN PLACEMENT	PLACEMENT RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER IN PLACEMENT	PLACEMENT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	12	5	4	5	2	2	-58
GRAY	3	2	1	1	1	1	-67
GREELEY	0	0	1	0	0	1	*
GREENWOOD	12	6	6	7	4	4	-41
HAMILTON	5	8	8	5	8	8	1
HARPER	12	6	6	4	2	2	-67
HARVEY	88	10	9	81	9	9	-8
HASKELL	3	2	2	3	2	2	0
HODGEMAN	1	2	1	2	3	3	100
JACKSON	31	9	8	17	5	5	-45
JEFFERSON	19	4	4	22	5	5	16
JEWELL	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
JOHNSON	270	3	2	256	2	2	-7
KEARNY	14	10	9	8	5	5	-44
KINGMAN	10	4	4	16	7	7	61
KIOWA	9	9	9	13	14	10	46
LABETTE	49	8	8	53	9	9	10
LANE	2	3	3	3	5	5	51
LEAVENWORTH	97	5	5	93	5	5	-5
LINCOLN	5	6	6	5	6	6	1
LINN	8	4	3	9	4	4	13
LOGAN	1	1	1	3	4	4	206
LYON	72	7	7	56	6	6	-22
MARION	16	5	5	24	8	8	51
MARSHALL	10	3	3	9	3	3	-10
MCPHERSON	40	5	5	33	4	5	-18
MEADE	6	5	5	8	7	7	35
MIAMI	30	4	4	24	3	3	-20
MITCHELL	8	4	3	10	5	6	27
MONTGOMERY	80	8	8	74	7	7	-6
MORRIS	16	10	9	18	11	9	13
MORTON	4	4	3	6	6	6	51
NEMAHA	8	3	2	11	4	4	39
NEOSHO	37	9	8	51	12	10	40
NESS	2	2	2	3	3	3	52
NORTON	3	2	2	4	3	3	36
OSAGE	12	3	2	14	3	3	17
OSBORNE	4	4	3	1	1	1	-74

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - JUNE, 1994			CURRENT YEAR - JUNE, 1995			
	NUMBER IN PLACEMENT	PLACEMENT RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER IN PLACEMENT	PLACEMENT RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	10	7	7	9	6	6	-9
PAWNEE	19	10	9	15	8	7	-21
PHILLIPS	8	5	5	6	4	4	-24
POTTAWATOMIE	11	2	2	9	2	1	-19
PRATT	14	5	5	17	7	7	22
RAWLINS	5	6	6	1	1	1	-80
RENO	187	12	10	190	12	10	3
REPUBLIC	9	6	6	15	11	9	70
RICE	15	5	5	17	6	6	14
RILEY	78	5	4	87	5	5	12
ROOKS	15	10	9	4	3	2	-73
RUSH	1	1	1	0	0	1	-100
RUSSELL	10	6	6	13	8	8	33
SALINE	134	10	9	123	9	9	-8
SCOTT	11	7	7	12	8	8	11
SEDGWICK	1,175	10	9	1,155	10	9	-2
SEWARD	50	8	7	52	8	8	3
SHAWNEE	558	13	10	564	13	10	1
SHERIDAN	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
SHERMAN	22	12	10	10	6	6	-54
SMITH	8	7	7	7	7	7	-11
STAFFORD	11	8	7	19	13	10	73
STANTON	2	3	2	1	1	1	-50
STEVENS	7	4	4	4	2	2	-43
SUMNER	118	15	10	107	13	10	-10
THOMAS	11	5	4	8	3	3	-27
TREGO	7	8	7	7	8	7	2
WABAUNSEE	8	4	4	3	2	1	-62
WALLACE	2	4	3	2	4	4	1
WASHINGTON	3	2	1	4	3	2	37
WICHITA	7	8	8	5	6	6	-27
WILSON	11	4	4	26	11	9	142
WOODSON	1	1	1	3	3	3	203
WYANDOTTE	1,043	23	10	921	20	10	-11
KANSAS	5,842	8		5,606	8		-4

Placement data are from SRS and Native American Family Services Inc. Population data are estimated from the 1990 U.S. Census. Rates are calculated per 1,000 children age 18 and under.

**Zero events in the base years prevent calculation of percent change scores.*

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TEEN VIOLENT DEATH

Teen violent deaths include death from homicide, suicide, and accidents among youth ages 15 to 19. The teen violent death rate has been steadily climbing in this country and Kansas has consistently had higher rates than most other states. In 1992, the most recent year for which national Kids Count data are available, Kansas had the 12th highest teen violent death rate in the country.

While these historical data are certainly cause for concern, the Kansas data for 1994 are absolutely alarming. For the five years preceding 1994 the state averaged 125 deaths. In 1993 there were 127 deaths. In 1994 the number of violent teen deaths in the state jumped to 183. The rate of teen violent deaths jumped from 74 per 100,000 teens to 116 per 100,000 teens age 15 to 19. This represents an increase of 57 percent in the rate of teen violent deaths for the state in a single year. This increase occurred in many counties across the state but was most pronounced in Sedgwick, Shawnee and Wyandotte counties.

	BASE YEARS 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR 1994			
COUNTY	AVE # OF VIOLENT TEEN DEATHS	TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	NUMBER OF VIOLENT TEEN DEATHS	TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	.6	58.1	2	1	104.6	4	80
ANDERSON	.8	159.4	9	0	+	+	+
ATCHISON	1.2	81.3	5	1	74.4	3	-9
BARBER	.2	66.5	3	0	+	+	+
BARTON	1.4	78.5	4	1	64.2	2	-18
BOURBON	1.2	111.0	7	0	.0	1	-100
BROWN	.8	117.6	7	1	159.7	6	36
BUTLER	3.2	91.1	5	2	59.5	2	-35
CHASE	.2	109.2	6	0	+	+	+
CHAUTAUQUA	0	+	+	0	+	+	+
CHEROKEE	1.6	106.3	6	2	143.0	5	35
CHEYENNE	.2	116.5	7	1	658.7	10	465
CLARK	.4	306.7	10	0	+	+	+
CLAY	.6	115.2	7	1	211.1	7	83
CLOUD	.4	48.9	2	1	139.9	5	186
COFFEY	.6	109.3	7	2	396.1	9	262
COMANCHE	.2	165.6	9	0	+	+	+
COWLEY	1.8	68.8	3	4	163.7	6	138
CRAWFORD	3.6	145.2	8	1	44.7	2	-69
DECATUR	.2	108.0	6	0	+	+	+
DICKINSON	1.4	118.5	7	2	189.1	6	60
DONIPHAN	.6	84.7	5	2	306.7	8	262
DOUGLAS	2.4	26.9	1	7	78.6	3	192
EDWARDS	.2	106.6	6	0	+	+	+
ELK	0	+	+	0	+	+	+
ELLIS	.6	29.3	1	0	.0	1	-100
ELLSWORTH	.4	102.5	6	1	273.3	7	166
FINNEY	1.0	39.0	1	2	76.4	3	96
FORD	3.2	148.4	8	5	241.9	7	63
FRANKLIN	1.2	81.1	5	1	73.8	3	-9
GEARY	2.0	99.4	6	2	115.6	4	16
GOVE	0	+	+	1	607.6	10	*
GRAHAM	.6	312.0	10	0	+	+	+

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1989-93 AVE. # OF VIOLENT TEEN DEATHS	TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1994 NUMBER OF VIOLENT TEEN DEATHS	TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	.2	37.6	1	1	201.0	6	435
GRAY	.2	52.5	2	1	270.7	7	416
GREELEY	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
GREENWOOD	.6	120.6	8	4	871.1	10	622
HAMILTON	.2	140.5	8	0	+	+	+
HARPER	.2	53.7	2	4	1214.5	10	2160
HARVEY	1.0	44.6	2	1	48.2	2	8
HASKELL	1.0	352.6	10	0	+	+	+
HODGEMAN	.0	+	+	1	1097.9	10	*
JACKSON	.4	51.2	2	3	412.6	9	705
JEFFERSON	1.2	118.9	8	1	108.3	4	-9
JEWELL	.2	93.7	5	0	+	+	+
JOHNSON	8.4	38.2	1	8	37.1	2	-3
KEARNY	.4	135.8	8	3	1043.3	10	669
KINGMAN	1.0	193.4	9	0	+	+	+
KIOWA	.8	306.5	10	1	401.8	9	31
LABETTE	1.2	70.5	4	0	.0	1	-100
LANE	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
LEAVENWORTH	4.2	105.2	6	4	105.7	4	0
LINCOLN	.4	191.9	9	1	522.6	9	172
LINN	.4	76.8	4	0	+	+	+
LOGAN	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
LYON	1.8	62.9	3	1	37.2	2	-41
MARION	.6	73.0	4	1	134.1	4	84
MARSHALL	.6	101.1	6	1	200.5	6	98
MCPHERSON	.6	32.7	1	2	120.5	4	268
MEADE	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
MIAMI	1.8	110.8	7	1	65.2	2	-41
MITCHELL	.2	35.2	1	0	+	+	+
MONTGOMERY	1.6	59.5	3	2	81.1	3	36
MORRIS	.8	219.5	10	1	301.1	8	37
MORTON	.4	155.7	9	0	+	+	+
NEMAHA	.0	+	+	1	195.3	6	*
NEOSHO	.8	73.2	4	1	101.5	3	39
NESS	.2	104.2	6	0	+	+	+
NORTON	1.4	385.8	10	0	+	+	+
OSAGE	.4	41.5	2	2	227.7	7	449
OSBORNE	.2	82.9	5	1	483.1	9	482

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1989-93 AVE. # OF VIOLENT TEEN DEATHS	TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	CURRENT YEAR - 1994 NUMBER OF VIOLENT TEEN DEATHS	TEEN VIOLENT DEATH RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	.2	69.1	3	0	+	+	+
PAWNEE	.8	144.1	8	1	190.4	6	32
PHILLIPS	.0	+	+	1	334.0	8	*
POTTAWATOMIE	1.0	91.2	5	3	284.6	7	212
PRATT	.4	59.0	3	2	319.5	8	442
RAWLINS	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
RENO	3.0	71.8	4	5	132.2	4	84
REPUBLIC	.2	64.4	3	0	+	+	+
RICE	.4	60.1	3	0	+	+	+
RILEY	1.8	24.2	1	2	28.3	1	17
ROOKS	.6	182.2	9	1	362.1	8	99
RUSH	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
RUSSELL	.6	149.7	9	0	+	+	+
SALINE	2.2	69.5	4	4	141.8	5	104
SCOTT	.0	+	+	1	310.2	8	*
SEDGWICK	20.2	79.0	5	35	145.3	5	84
SEWARD	1.0	73.3	4	0	.0	1	-100
SHAWNEE	7.2	70.2	4	15	158.6	5	126
SHERIDAN	.2	110.2	7	0	+	+	+
SHERMAN	1.0	211.0	9	0	+	+	+
SMITH	.4	147.5	8	0	+	+	+
STAFFORD	.0	+	+	1	409.6	9	*
STANTON	.2	132.7	8	0	+	+	+
STEVENS	.8	233.1	10	0	+	+	+
SUMNER	1.0	58.2	3	0	.0	1	-100
THOMAS	.4	53.8	2	1	145.7	5	171
TREGO	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
WABAUNSEE	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
WALLACE	.0	+	+	0	+	+	+
WASHINGTON	.2	47.9	2	0	+	+	+
WICHITA	.4	241.8	10	0	+	+	+
WILSON	1.0	159.3	9	3	533.3	9	235
WOODSON	.2	89.9	5	0	+	+	+
WYANDOTTE	13.0	118.1	7	20	201.3	7	70
KANSAS	125	73.9		183	116.2		57

Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The base years consist of the average of years 1989 through 1993. Teen violent death rates represent the number of violent deaths per 100,000 children age 15-19. Negative change scores indicate improvement. As a result of rounding, counties with identical rates may receive different decile ranks.

+ Rates are not calculated for counties with too few children for meaningful interpretation.

* *Zero events in the base year prevent calculation of percent change scores.*

JUVENILE ARRESTS

After appearing to level off in 1992 and 1993 at 38 arrests per 1000 children and youth, the juvenile arrest rate for the state of Kansas climbed to 40 arrests per 1000 children and youth in 1994. This indicator counts all types of juvenile offenses. An arrest rate varies not only as a function of crime activity in the community but may also reflect different levels of community tolerance and police activity. As a result we view this indicator as a measure of both social behavior and social control in the community.

Regardless of whether the indicator reflects community tolerance or deviant activity, an arrest must be viewed as a negative outcome for a child or youth. The statewide increase should be viewed with concern as should the wide variation in this rate across Kansas counties. The rate in Finney County has been much higher than the rest of the state and is growing at a faster rate. In 1994 the rate in Finney County was more than four times the state rate and grew 58 percent. The rate in Sedgwick County continues to climb steadily while Wyandotte County continues to show a decline. Most of our medium sized counties are showing moderate increases in the juvenile arrest rates of 15 to 25 percent. However, Douglas County experienced an enormous increase of 85 percent. Because these increases and differences across counties can be interpreted in many ways, it is critical that interested persons in each county come together to examine trends in their counties and similar counties across the state and to devise strategies to address the problem of juvenile arrests at the local level.

	BASE YEARS - 1990-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER OF ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	DECILE RANK	TOTAL ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	65	16	6	4	1	3	-94
ANDERSON	31	15	6	33	15	7	2
ATCHISON	118	25	7	34	7	5	-72
BARBER	1	0	1	0	0	3	-100
BARTON	256	32	8	58	7	5	-78
BOURBON	147	38	9	36	9	6	-76
BROWN	49	16	6	68	22	8	39
BUTLER	279	19	7	223	16	7	-18
CHASE	9	12	5	0	0	3	-100
CHAUTAUQUA	11	10	5	2	2	4	-82
CHEROKEE	103	18	7	76	13	7	-28
CHEYENNE	2	2	2	0	0	3	-100
CLARK	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
CLAY	12	5	3	1	0	3	-92
CLOUD	67	26	8	33	12	6	-53
COFFEY	28	12	5	48	20	7	68
COMANCHE	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
COWLEY	485	50	10	601	61	10	24
CRAWFORD	204	24	7	330	39	9	59
DECATUR	1	1	2	9	8	6	778
DICKINSON	188	37	9	125	24	8	-35
DONIPHAN	14	7	4	3	1	4	-80
DOUGLAS	485	30	8	857	55	10	85
EDWARDS	2	2	2	0	0	3	-100
ELK	7	9	5	0	0	3	-100
ELLIS	233	35	9	148	22	8	-37
ELLSWORTH	33	21	7	57	35	9	69
FINNEY	1,125	105	10	1,629	166	10	58
FORD	347	44	9	403	53	10	20
FRANKLIN	190	31	8	9	1	4	-95
GEARY	515	58	10	615	70	10	21
GOVE	2	2	3	0	0	3	-100
GRAHAM	11	12	5	0	0	3	-100

COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1990-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
	AVERAGE NUMBER OF ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	DECILE RANK	TOTAL ARRESTS	ARREST RATE	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	33	13	6	8	3	4	-75
GRAY	2	1	2	0	0	3	-100
GREELEY	1	1	2	0	0	3	-100
GREENWOOD	1	0	1	1	1	3	93
HAMILTON	1	2	2	0	0	3	-100
HARPER	33	18	7	0	0	3	-100
HARVEY	214	26	8	405	50	9	89
HASKELL	1	1	2	6	5	5	380
HODGEMAN	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
JACKSON	12	4	3	38	11	6	205
JEFFERSON	33	7	4	41	9	6	24
JEWELL	13	12	5	14	12	6	1
JOHNSON	3,370	36	9	4,030	46	9	25
KEARNY	28	21	7	63	50	9	133
KINGMAN	1	0	1	6	3	4	690
KIOWA	5	5	3	4	4	4	-17
LABETTE	173	27	8	52	8	5	-71
LANE	3	5	3	1	1	4	-70
LEAVENWORTH	187	11	5	287	17	7	56
LINCOLN	16	18	7	29	32	8	77
LINN	18	8	4	9	4	4	-50
LOGAN	13	15	6	20	23	8	53
LYON	217	24	7	257	28	8	20
MARION	38	13	6	39	13	6	1
MARSHALL	38	12	6	39	13	6	1
MCPHERSON	100	14	6	211	30	8	115
MEADE	3	2	3	2	2	4	-29
MIAMI	119	18	7	138	21	7	17
MITCHELL	3	2	2	0	0	3	-100
MONTGOMERY	380	37	9	222	21	7	-44
MORRIS	60	38	9	45	29	8	-26
MORTON	2	2	3	6	6	5	164
NEMAHA	18	6	4	22	7	5	23
NEOSHO	78	17	6	100	21	7	23
NESS	8	7	4	2	2	4	-75
NORTON	40	29	8	56	39	9	33
OSAGE	38	9	5	76	18	7	99
OSBORNE	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
OTTAWA	16	11	5	19	13	6	15
PAWNEE	13	6	4	28	14	7	117
PHILLIPS	6	3	3	0	0	3	-100
POTTAWATOMIE	67	14	6	24	5	5	-63
PRATT	142	57	10	111	44	9	-22
RAWLINS	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
RENO	1,032	64	10	1,224	74	10	16
REPUBLIC	0	0	1	1	1	3	285
RICE	36	13	6	12	4	4	-67
RILEY	515	36	9	122	9	6	-76
ROOKS	10	6	4	0	0	3	-100
RUSH	1	1	2	0	0	3	-100
RUSSELL	85	46	10	90	46	9	1
SALINE	1,153	88	10	1,364	104	10	17
SCOTT	40	26	8	69	42	9	63
SEDGWICK	5,727	52	10	6,789	63	10	21
SEWARD	362	62	10	463	82	10	31
SHAWNEE	1,894	45	10	2,127	51	9	12
SHERIDAN	3	3	3	6	6	5	105
SHERMAN	84	44	9	66	33	8	-26
SMITH	1	0	2	0	0	3	-100
STAFFORD	12	9	5	21	15	7	80
STANTON	5	7	4	0	0	3	-100
STEVENS	12	8	4	11	7	5	-7
SUMNER	200	27	8	323	45	9	65
THOMAS	88	38	9	137	58	10	54
TREGO	6	6	4	0	0	3	-100
WABAUNSEE	5	3	3	0	0	3	-100
WALLACE	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
WASHINGTON	15	8	4	0	0	3	-100
WICHITA	1	1	2	0	0	3	-100
WILSON	67	24	7	33	11	6	-53
WOODSON	27	28	8	6	6	5	-79
WYANDOTTE	1,727	37	9	1,586	33	8	-11
KANSAS	23,669	36		26,263	40		11

Arrest data are from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation Arrest rates are calculated per 1,000 children. Population data are extrapolated from the U. S. Census Negative percent change scores indicate improvement. Because of identical scores, "3" is the lowest decile rank for the current year A decile rank of 3 indicates that the county performed in the top thirty percent of the state.

The KBI instituted a new reporting system this year. Some counties may not have fully reported using the new system. Substantial current year decreases in juvenile arrests may be attributed to inaccurate reporting by counties.

USE OF ALCOHOL BY YOUTH

Alcohol remains the most prevalent drug used by youth. Youth who regularly use alcohol increase the likelihood of many negative outcomes. The leading causes of violent death among teens are motor vehicle accidents, homicides, suicides, and drowning. Many of these deaths involve the use of alcohol.

Unfortunately, we were unable to obtain data for this year in a form that would allow comparison to alcohol use data reported in our 1994 book. Our data this year describe the number of children responding to a survey who reported having used alcohol on more than ten occasions. This serves as some indicator of the number of youth who may be moving beyond experimental use of alcohol.

More than one in four Kansas children report having used alcohol on more than 10 occasions in their lifetime. This suggests that a substantial number of Kansas children believe that using alcohol is an acceptable practice. Although no directly comparable national data are available, we know that rates of alcohol usage by youth are holding steady. Nationally, 22 percent of youth age 12 to 17 reported using alcohol during the past month.

	CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	NUMBER RESPONDING TO SURVEY	PERCENT HAVING USED ALCOHOL MORE THAN 10 TIMES	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	329	36.5	10	
ANDERSON	.	.	.	
ATCHISON	783	31.9	8	
BARBER	.	.	.	
BARTON	1,500	31.2	8	
BOURBON	716	22.8	2	
BROWN	576	27.2	5	
BUTLER	1,008	29.1	6	
CHASE	166	29.0	6	
CHAUTAUQUA	.	.	.	
CHEROKEE	567	31.1	8	
CHEYENNE		.	.	
CLARK	.	.	.	
CLAY	.	.	.	
CLOUD	.	.	.	
COFFEY	470	28.4	6	
COMANCHE	128	29.1	7	
COWLEY	683	25.6	4	
CRAWFORD	698	29.9	7	
DECATUR	.	.	.	
DICKINSON	.	.	.	
DONIPHAN	.	.	.	
DOUGLAS	124	46.3	10	
EDWARDS	172	35.9	9	
ELK	.	.	.	
ELLIS	350	22.9	2	
ELLSWORTH	.	.	.	
FINNEY	1,530	20.4	1	
FORD	1,172	25.5	3	
FRANKLIN	354	19.4	1	
GEARY	1,249	16.3	1	
GOVE	.	.	.	
GRAHAM	164	29.6	7	

	CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	NUMBER RESPONDING TO SURVEY	PERCENT HAVING USED ALCOHOL MORE THAN 10 TIMES	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	.	.	.	
GRAY	242	29.4	7	
GREELEY	.	.	.	
GREENWOOD	306	21.5	2	
HAMILTON	.	.	.	
HARPER	360	27.1	4	
HARVEY	1,035	21.3	2	
HASKELL	.	.	.	
HODGEMAN	.	.	.	
JACKSON	361	32.2	9	
JEFFERSON	130	24.2	3	
JEWELL	203	23.2	3	
JOHNSON	519	36.6	10	
KEARNY	.	.	.	
KINGMAN	340	39.5	10	
KIOWA	.	.	.	
LABETTE	737	25.9	4	
LANE	.	.	.	
LEAVENWORTH	862	26.4	4	
LINCOLN	.	.	.	
LINN	246	21.7	2	
LOGAN	126	43.7	10	
LYON	409	28.8	6	
MARION	410	18.1	1	
MARSHALL	.	.	.	
MCPHERSON	488	21.1	2	
MEADE	.	.	.	
MIAMI	403	29.4	7	
MITCHELL	334	36.4	10	
MONTGOMERY	793	28.6	6	
MORRIS	291	31.0	8	
MORTON	143	35.9	10	
NEMAHA	483	25.5	3	
NEOSHO	545	30.1	8	
NESS	203	34.5	9	
NORTON	274	27.7	5	
OSAGE	307	34.9	9	
OSBORNE	.	.	.	

	CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	NUMBER RESPONDING TO SURVEY	PERCENT HAVING USED ALCOHOL MORE THAN 10 TIMES	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
OTTAWA	.	.	.	
PAWNEE	336	27.2	5	
PHILLIPS	393	27.8	5	
POTTAWATOMIE	608	28.1	5	
PRATT	.	.	.	
RAWLINS	.	.	.	
RENO	708	16.3	1	
REPUBLIC	255	29.2	7	
RICE	494	20.6	1	
RILEY	1,468	25.9	4	
ROOKS	179	34.1	9	
RUSH	.	.	.	
RUSSELL	341	25.1	3	
SALINE	1,946	27.9	5	
SCOTT	276	23.4	3	
SEDGWICK	2,120	29.2	7	
SEWARD	1,160	27.2	5	
SHAWNEE	3,534	25.7	4	
SHERIDAN	.	.	.	
SHERMAN	.	.	.	
SMITH	205	24.9	3	
STAFFORD	242	17.2	1	
STANTON	.	.	.	
STEVENS	.	.	.	
SUMNER	427	28.4	6	
THOMAS	358	23.2	2	
TREGO	201	33.2	9	
WABAUNSEE	323	32.9	9	
WALLACE	.	.	.	
WASHINGTON	144	30.6	8	
WICHITA	.	.	.	
WILSON	494	28.2	6	
WOODSON	228	30.2	8	
WYANDOTTE	5,328	25.7	4	
KANSAS	46,519	26.8		

Data are from a survey of youth in grades 6,8,10 & 12 by the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center and report the percentage of youth who indicate they have used alcohol on ten or more occasions in their lifetime. Counties in which less than 30 youth per grade completed the survey are not reported State totals are from all survey counties and include data from omitted counties.

YOUTH WHO HAVE EVER USED DRUGS OTHER THAN ALCOHOL

The use of drugs is associated with many potential consequences for children. Drug use is associated with many of the causes of teen death. Children using drugs are more likely to be sexually active, become pregnant or be exposed to sexually transmitted disease. One survey found that a third of all high school drop outs were using illicit drugs at an early age.

After a one year hiatus, we are again able to provide data on drug use by Kansas youth.
These data report the responses of children in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 to inquiries regarding any use of marijuana, cocaine, inhalants, LSD, or steroids. More than one in five Kansas children responding to our survey report having used at least one of these drugs on one occasion.

After steadily declining for 13 years, illicit drug use rates among youth have begun to rise on a national level. A 1994 national survey found that 9.5 percent of children age 12-17 had used an illicit drug during the past month, up from 6.6 percent in the prior year. Nationally 48 percent of all high school seniors report using an illicit drug prior to graduation.

	BASE YEARS 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
COUNTY	# RESPONDING TO THE SURVEY	% OF RESPONDENTS WHO USED DRUGS	DECILE RANK	# RESPONDING TO THE SURVEY	% OF RESPONDENTS WHO USED DRUGS	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
ALLEN	-	-	-	329	22.1	7	-
ANDERSON	376	19.4	2	-	-	-	-
ATCHISON	1,182	20.5	3	783	17.3	3	-15
BARBER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BARTON	-	-	-	1,500	20.7	6	-
BOURBON	729	12.7	1	716	19.1	5	50
BROWN	993	22.5	4	576	19.0	5	-16
BUTLER	3,236	27.0	7	1,008	26.4	10	-2
CHASE	-	-	-	166	26.4	10	-
CHAUTAUQUA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHEROKEE	-	-	-	567	25.4	9	-
CHEYENNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLARK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLAY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CLOUD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COFFEY	-	-	-	470	18.8	4	-
COMANCHE	-	-	-	128	3.9	1	-
COWLEY	2,126	26.5	6	683	21.1	6	-20
CRAWFORD	1,521	26.1	6	698	23.4	8	-10
DECATUR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DICKINSON	911	25.3	5	-	-	-	-
DONIPHAN	344	23.8	5	-	-	-	-
DOUGLAS	1,495	38.6	10	124	31.7	10	-18
EDWARDS	-	-	-	172	17.4	3	-
ELK	248	23.3	4	-	-	-	-
ELLIS	1,337	20.3	3	350	14.9	2	-26
ELLSWORTH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FINNEY	2,427	24.2	5	1,530	21.0	6	-13
FORD	1,461	27.2	7	1,172	25.9	9	-5
FRANKLIN	1,238	31.6	9	354	22.9	7	-27
GEARY	-	-	-	1,249	26.2	9	-
GOVE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAHAM	-	-	-	164	12.9	2	-

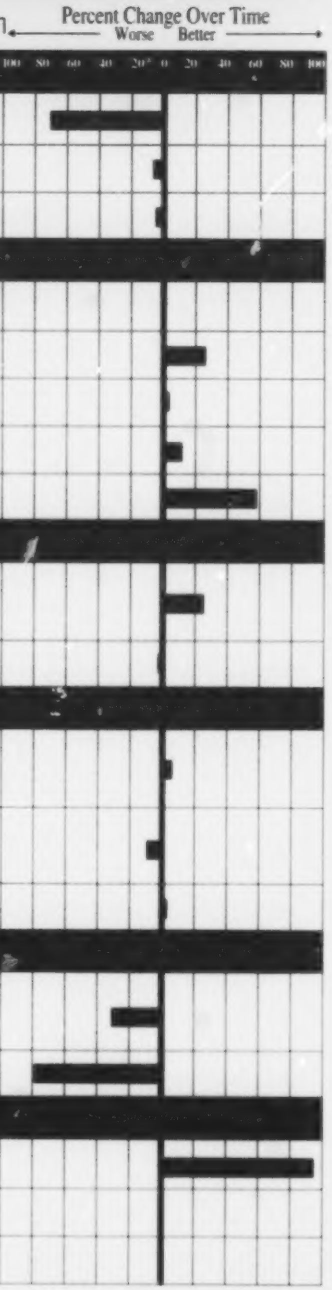
COUNTY	BASE YEARS - 1989-93			CURRENT YEAR - 1994			
	# RESPONDING TO THE SURVEY	% OF RESPONDENTS WHO USED DRUGS	DECILE RANK	# RESPONDING TO THE SURVEY	% OF RESPONDENTS WHO USED DRUGS	DECILE RANK	PERCENT CHANGE
GRANT	736	27.3	7	.	.	.	.
GRAY	.	.	.	242	12.4	1	.
GREELEY	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
GREENWOOD	.	.	.	306	12.5	2	.
HAMILTON	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HARPER	.	.	.	360	18.2	4	.
HARVEY	1,506	25.7	6	1,035	23.4	8	-9
HASKELL	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HODGEMAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
JACKSON	545	35.3	10	361	27.8	10	-21
JEFFERSON	944	25.2	5	130	15.4	3	-39
JEWELL	.	.	.	203	9.0	1	.
JOHNSON	1,596	37.8	10	519	31.9	10	-16
KEARNY	442	20.6	3	.	.	.	.
KINGMAN	.	.	.	340	17.6	4	.
KIOWA	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
LABETTE	.	.	.	737	17.6	4	.
LANE	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEAVENWORTH	2,206	29.9	8	862	24.4	8	-18
LINCOLN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
LINN	.	.	.	246	23.7	8	.
LOGAN	.	.	.	126	25.4	9	.
LYON	.	.	.	409	17.2	3	.
MARION	656	13.9	1	410	15.1	2	9
MARSHALL	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
MCPHERSON	.	.	.	488	18.7	4	.
MEADE	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
MIAMI	.	.	.	403	20.9	6	.
MITCHELL	324	20.4	3	334	18.0	4	-12
MONTGOMERY	.	.	.	793	23.0	7	.
MORRIS	.	.	.	291	22.8	7	.
MORTON	.	.	.	143	23.1	7	.
NEMAHA	.	.	.	483	8.4	1	.
NEOSHO	853	25.5	6	545	23.4	8	-8
NESS	.	.	.	203	11.9	1	.
NORTON	290	19.7	2	274	23.2	8	18
OSAGE	.	.	.	307	22.8	7	.
OSBORNE	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
OTTAWA	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
PAWNEE	.	.	.	336	20.1	5	.
PHILLIPS	.	.	.	393	14.0	2	.
POTTAWATOMIE	333	21.3	4	608	17.5	3	-18
PRATT	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
RAWLINS	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
RENO	1,859	29.3	8	708	21.3	6	-27
REPUBLIC	.	.	.	255	13.0	2	.
RICE	.	.	.	494	19.1	5	.
RILEY	1,336	26.8	7	1,468	24.1	8	-10
ROOKS	.	.	.	179	18.2	4	.
RUSH	330	20.0	2	.	.	.	.
RUSSELL	565	19.3	2	341	20.8	6	8
SALINE	2,443	30.0	8	1,946	25.5	9	-15
SCOTT	.	.	.	276	14.9	2	.
SEDGWICK	13,668	30.9	9	2,120	24.9	9	-19
SEWARD	1,623	23.3	4	1,160	20.2	5	-13
SHAWNEE	9,352	31.7	9	3,534	25.0	9	-21
SHERIDAN	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SHERMAN	386	17.6	1	.	.	.	.
SMITH	.	.	.	205	20.5	6	.
STAFFORD	.	.	.	242	11.3	1	.
STANTON	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
STEVENS	339	16.5	1	.	.	.	.
SUMNER	897	30.7	8	427	26.7	10	-13
THOMAS	.	.	.	358	15.5	3	.
TREGO	.	.	.	201	19.5	5	.
WABAUNSEE	.	.	.	323	19.4	5	.
WALLACE	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
WASHINGTON	.	.	.	144	11.8	1	.
WICHITA	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
WILSON	.	.	.	494	21.6	7	.
WOODSON	.	.	.	228	16.9	3	.
WYANDOTTE	3,385	32.9	10	5,328	31.3	10	-5
KANSAS	77,126	27.2		46,519	22.6		-17

1992 data are surveys of youth in grades 5-12 from the DCCCA Center. 1994 Data are surveys of youth in grades 6,8,10 & 12 from the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center. Counties in which less than 30 youth per grade completed the survey are not reported. State totals are from all survey counties and include data from omitted counties. Drug use means use of any of the following: marijuana, cocaine, inhalants, LSD, or steroids. Negative percent change indicates improvement.

COUNTY BY COUNTY STATISTICS

ALLEN

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.6	21	13.0	9	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	28.5	875	30.1	9	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	23.3	1018	24.6	10	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	25.0	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.5	1	6.2	3	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	81.4	134	83.8	6	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	44.0	87	49.0	8	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.1	4	2.5	2	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	46.5	86	58.2	3	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	22.7	655	22.5	5	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	69.8	136	74.3	7	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	17.7	31	19.4	8	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	83.6	183	84.7	6	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	14.1	74	18.4	10	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	58.1	1	104.6	4	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	16.1	4	1.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		120	36.5	10	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	73	22.1	7	22.6

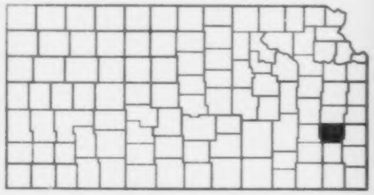


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	14,638	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.4%	88.4%
Black	1.8%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,426	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.9%	5.3%

County Seat: Iola



ALLEN COUNTY has had improvement in the PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY area for its children. The percent of low birth-weight babies showed significant positive change which placed Allen County in the top 20% of all the counties in the state. The percent of Head Start participation has increased which allowed more children ages 3 and 4 that live below the poverty line to have this educational advantage. An area of concern for Allen County is the fact that 13% of all the county births were to single teens, for a total of 21 live births. Of further concern is the high percent of county youth reporting that they have used alcohol more than 10 times, putting the county rate higher than the state rate.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,803	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.0%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,914	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	7.2%	5.3%

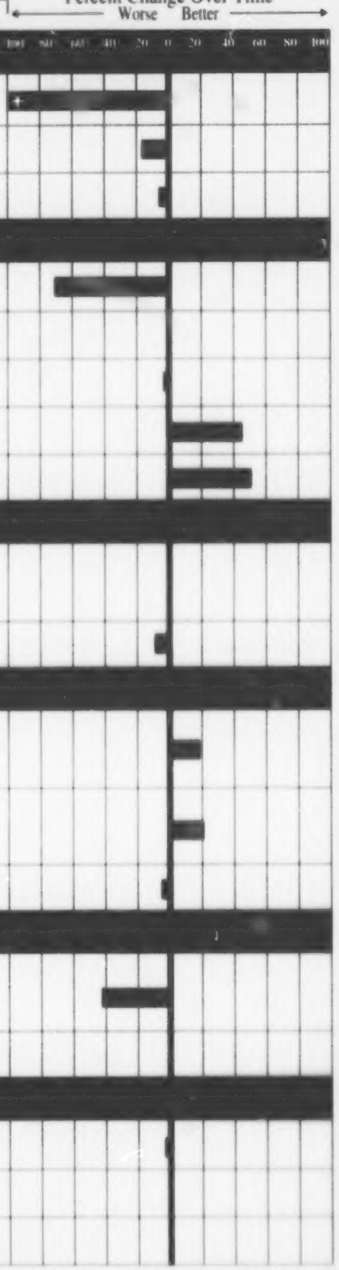
County Seat: Garnett

ANDERSON COUNTY shows a positive change in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2, efforts the county should take pride in acknowledging. The county rate exceeds the state rate and places Anderson County in the top 80% of counties. The percent of high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education has improved for the county over the base years. An indicator of concern which ranks in the bottom 10% of the state is the percent of all births to single teens. Also of concern is the lack of a Head Start program in the county. Licensed child care availability is significantly lower than the state's figure of 24.5 slots per 100 children under age 13.

ANDERSON

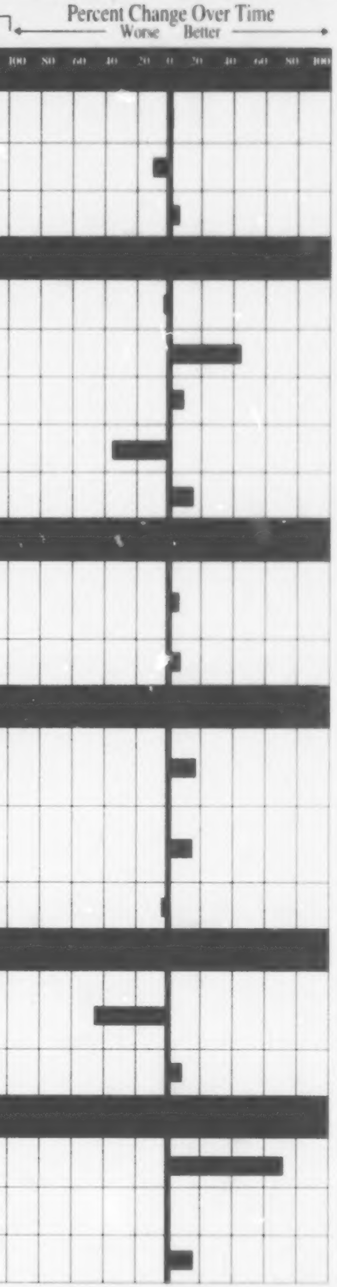
	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.9	15	17.9	10	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	24.3	423	28.6	8	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	16.6	392	17.6	7	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	37.6	1	64.4	8	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.2	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.3	65	77.4	9	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	45.5	68	66.7	3	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.9	2	2.4	2	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	50	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	10.8	140	9.8	10	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	66.5	67	79.8	4	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	20.9	14	16.7	7	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	86.6	84	82.4	7	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	2.5	7	3.6	4	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	159.4	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	14.7	33	15.0	7	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	19.4	.	.	.	22.6

Percent Change Over Time



ATCHISON

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	10.0	20	10.0	7	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	27.3	955	30.0	9	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	21.1	994	20.1	8	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	28.2	1	28.8	4	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.8	1	5.0	2	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	75.6	163	81.5	7	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	45.5	41	29.0	10	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.8	10	5.0	5	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	36.7	140	38.7	6	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	18.9	635	20.2	6	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	67.9	123	78.8	4	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.9	29	14.5	6	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	80.8	156	78.4	9	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	5.7	39	8.4	4	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	81.3	1	74.4	3	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	24.9	34	7.0	5	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		250	31.9	8	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	20.5	136	17.3	3	22.6

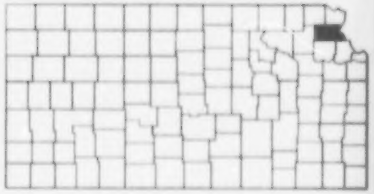


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	16,932	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	91.1%	88.4%
Black	5.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.8%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,772	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	7.6%	5.3%

County Seat: Atchinson



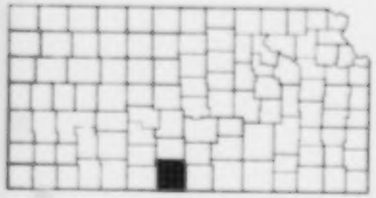
ATCHISON COUNTY has indicators showing improvement in a variety of areas. Good news for the young children in Atchison County was the Head Start participation increase. More good news was the increase in licensed child care availability. The increase in the percent of high school graduates pursuing a post-secondary education is positive for Atchison County also. Of great concern is the decline in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2: the county rate is far below the state figure.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,874	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.0%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,577	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.8%	5.3%

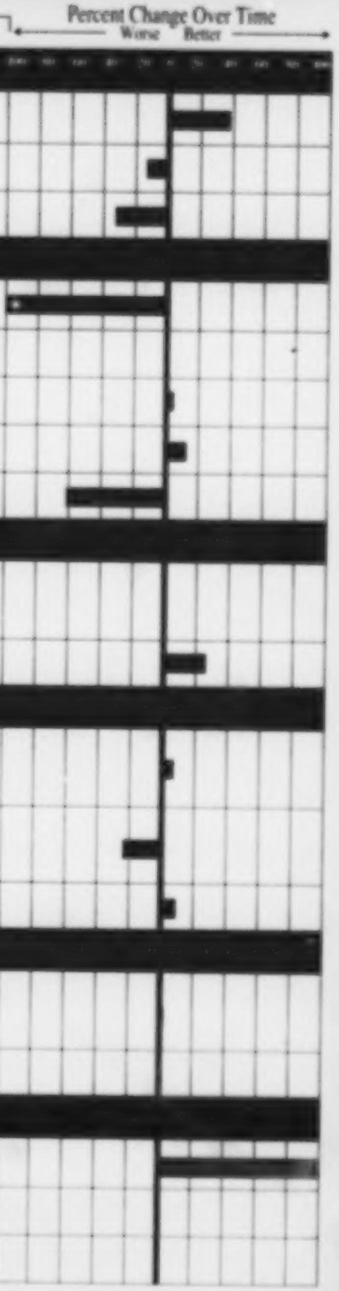
County Seat: Medicine Lodge



BARBER COUNTY has much that could be celebrated because of improvement. The percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 has increased and surpasses the state percentage. The availability of licensed child care has improved for the children under 13 years old living in Barber County. The percent of students graduating from high school is higher than the state figure and places the county in the top 20% of counties. The fact that the percent of low birth-weight babies increased and the percent of all births to mothers with less than a high school degree increased should be noted. Of concern is the fact that there is no Head Start in the county for the 26 eligible three and four year olds.

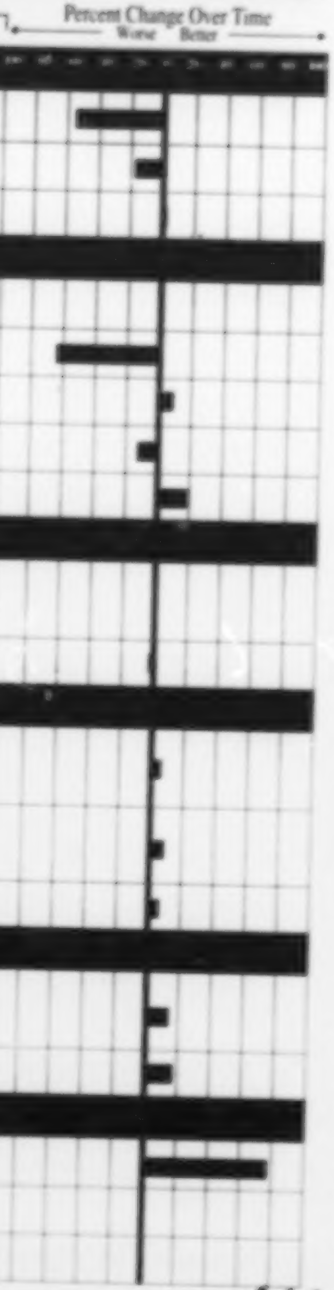
BARBER

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.6	2	3.4	2	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	16.7	225	19.0	3	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	7.4	156	9.8	3	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	46.2	2	150.2	10	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.9	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.0	47	81.0	8	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	57.5	58	64.5	4	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.3	5	8.6	9	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	26	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	14.7	226	18.8	8	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	77.3	59	81.9	3	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	12.8	9	15.8	6	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	89.1	72	97.3	2	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	4.4	7	4.4	5	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	66.5	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.3	0	0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		.	.	.	22.6


Percent Change Over Time

BARTON

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.9	44	10.8	8	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	23.9	1618	28.4	8	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	21.4	1756	21.2	9	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	15.5	1	15.5	2	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.5	7	17.1	9	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	75.4	334	81.7	7	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	50.8	158	44.3	9	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.7	22	5.4	5	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	27.2	199	27.2	7	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	20.2	1213	20.1	6	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	75.3	251	78.4	5	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	21.1	79	19.3	7	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	86.0	320	91.4	4	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	8.7	59	7.5	7	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	78.5	1	64.2	2	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	31.8	58	7.1	5	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		468	31.2	8	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		310	20.7	6	22.6

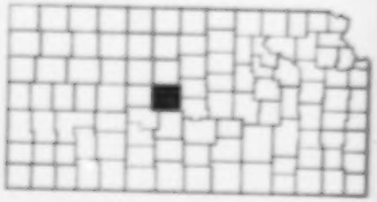


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	29,382	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.2%	88.4%
*Black	1.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,969	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.9%	5.3%

County Seat: Great Bend



BARTON COUNTY, centrally located in the state, showed improvement with a higher percent of students graduating from high school and a higher percent of high school graduates pursuing a post-secondary education. The percent of births with early prenatal care has improved for the county along with a decrease in the percent of low birth-weight babies. The decline in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 placed the county in the bottom 20% of the counties. The fact that alcohol is reported being used by 31.2% of county youth should be noted as an area of concern. 44 births in the county to single teens is not good news for the county.

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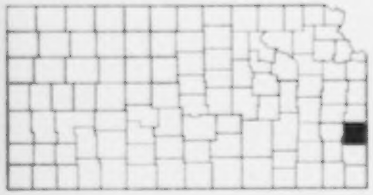
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	14,966	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.2%	88.4%
Black	2.8%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,462	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	6.8%	5.3%

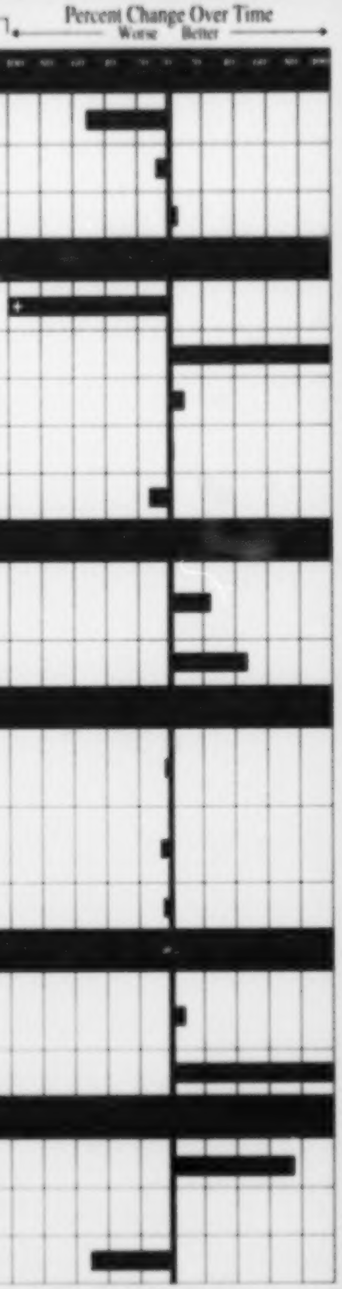
County Seat: Fort Scott



BOURBON COUNTY experienced good news for young children with an increase in Head Start participation for children ages 3-4 living below the poverty level. There was also an increase in licensed child care availability. The older youth in Bourbon County had good news with decreases in the teen violent death rate and the juvenile arrest rate. The educational achievement indicators show an area that appears to be in a gradual decline. The 28 live births to single teens is of concern.

BOURBON

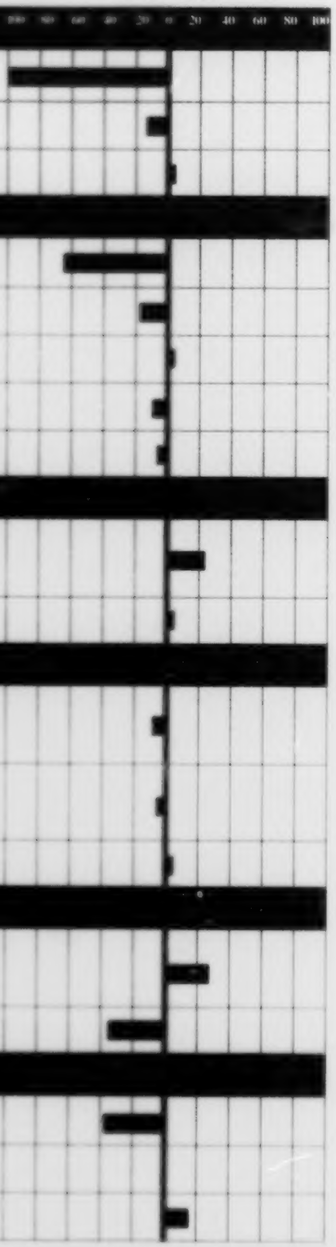
	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	9.8	28	14.7	10	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	30.7	941	33.2	9	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	26.1	995	25.3	10	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	26.1	2	64.7	8	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	13.3	0	.0	1	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	71.5	147	77.4	9	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	52.0	94	52.1	7	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.6	12	6.3	7	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	31.6	127	39.3	6	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	13.9	593	20.5	6	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	74.0	115	72.8	7	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	18.9	38	20.1	8	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	86.1	158	81.9	8	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	8.7	32	8.0	8	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	111.0	0	.0	1	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	37.7	36	9.2	6	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		163	22.8	2	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	12.7	137	19.1	5	22.6



BROWN

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.1	21	16.2	10	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	31.3	759	35.7	10	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	25.0	760	24.3	10	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	24.3	1	40.3	6	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.5	1	7.7	4	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.9	106	81.5	7	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	56.3	69	51.1	7	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.9	8	6.2	6	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	47.7	92	58.7	3	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	25.0	592	25.9	3	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	79.5	85	73.3	7	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	17.8	24	18.8	7	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	87.7	116	90.6	4	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	8.0	18	5.8	6	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	117.6	1	159.7	6	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	15.8	68	21.9	8	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		156	27.2	5	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	22.5	110	19.0	5	22.6

Percent Change Over Time

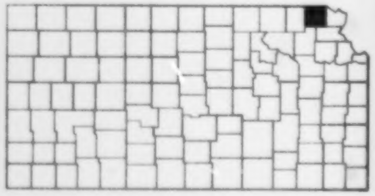


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	11,128	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	90.8%	88.4%
Black	1.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	6.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,728	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.2%	5.3%

County Seat: Hiawatha



BROWN COUNTY was able to offer more children the opportunity to attend Head Start which had a 23.2% increase over the base years. Another increase was the percent of births receiving early prenatal care. The percent of students graduating from high school showed improvement. Of concern is the increase in the percent of all births to single teens; the county rate is significantly higher than the state. All the indicators under economic well-being are performing worse than 90% of the rest of the state. Brown County's unemployment rate of 6.2% is higher than the state's average of 5.3%.

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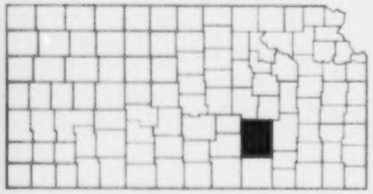
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	50,580	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.6%	88.4%
Black	0.7%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.9%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$36,137	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.9%	5.3%

County Seat: El Dorado

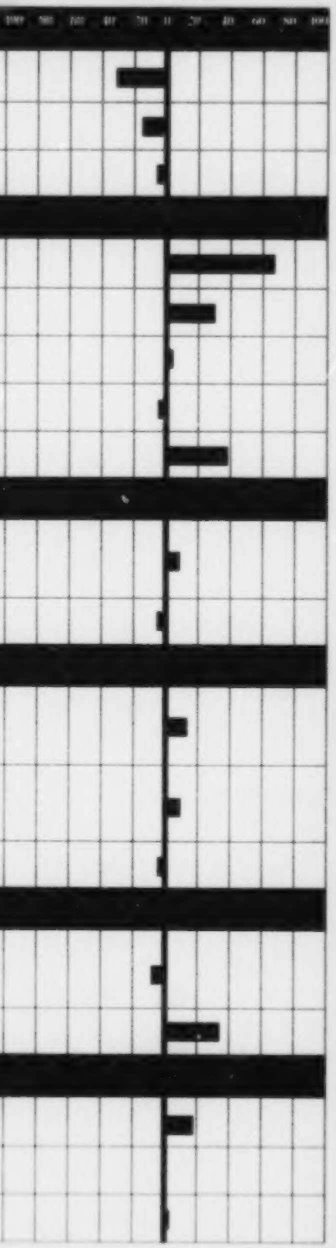


BUTLER COUNTY has a greater percent of the county's population under age 18 than the state average. All the indicators measuring mortality are showing improvement for the county, the childhood death rate, infant mortality rate and the teen violent death rate. The percent of low birthweight babies and the percent of births with early prenatal care moved in positive directions also. The fact that all three measurements under economic well-being are in a decline are of concern for Butler County. The reported use of alcohol and drugs by youth are above the state average.

BUTLER

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.0	67	9.3	6	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	13.7	2015	15.8	1	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	15.1	2223	16.0	7	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	25.1	1	8.0	1	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.0	5	6.9	4	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.9	640	88.6	3	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	57.3	480	55.1	6	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.2	36	5.0	5	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	49.7	180	54.4	4	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	21.3	2384	20.2	6	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	71.9	562	81.0	3	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.2	86	11.9	4	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	86.4	694	83.7	7	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	5.5	94	5.9	6	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	91.1	2	59.5	2	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	19.4	223	15.9	7	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		293	29.1	6	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	27.0	266	26.4	10	22.6

Percent Change Over Time



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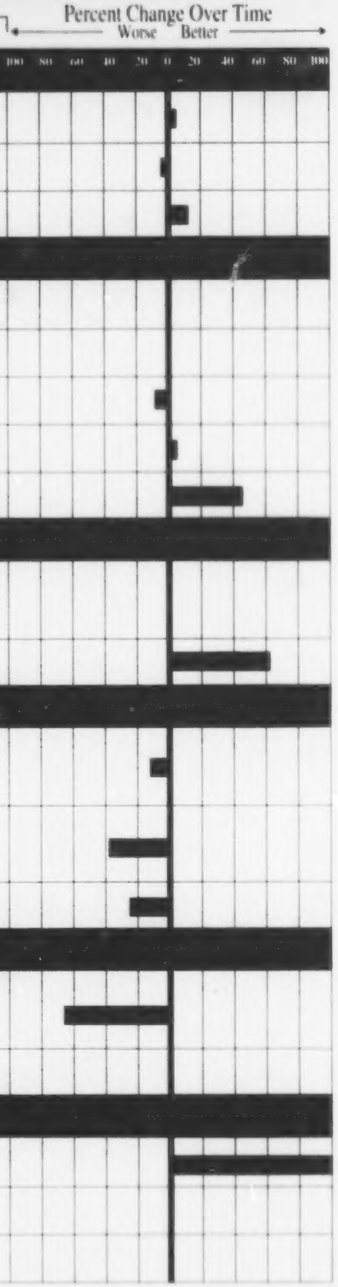


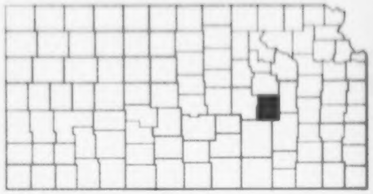
	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.5	2	5.3	3	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	25.9	157	26.7	6	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	18.5	127	16.2	7	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	33.4	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.6	29	76.3	9	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	55.3	24	57.6	6	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.8	1	2.6	2	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	29	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	12.3	110	20.0	6	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	68.2	17	60.7	10	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.2	8	21.1	8	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	92.4	28	68.3	10	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	7.7	10	12.9	10	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	109.2	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.1	0	.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		48	29.0	6	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	44	26.4	10	22.6

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,021	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.1%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$22,440	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	7.2%	5.3%

County Seat: Cottonwood Falls

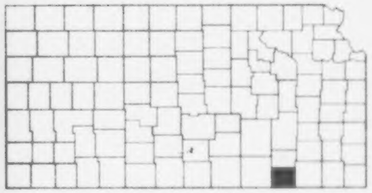


CHASE COUNTY is a lightly populated, homogeneous county. The licensed child care availability has improved for Chase County over the base years, allowing more children under age 13 to have quality care. The juvenile arrest rate has also improved significantly. The percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 has climbed higher than the state's average. Areas for potential improvement are the indicators listed under educational achievement: high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education, percent of all births to mothers with less than a high school degree and high school graduations. Because of the small population, rates may vary to a greater extent than is found in more populous states.

DEMOGRAPHICS
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,407	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.9%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	3.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$21,426	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.0%	5.3%

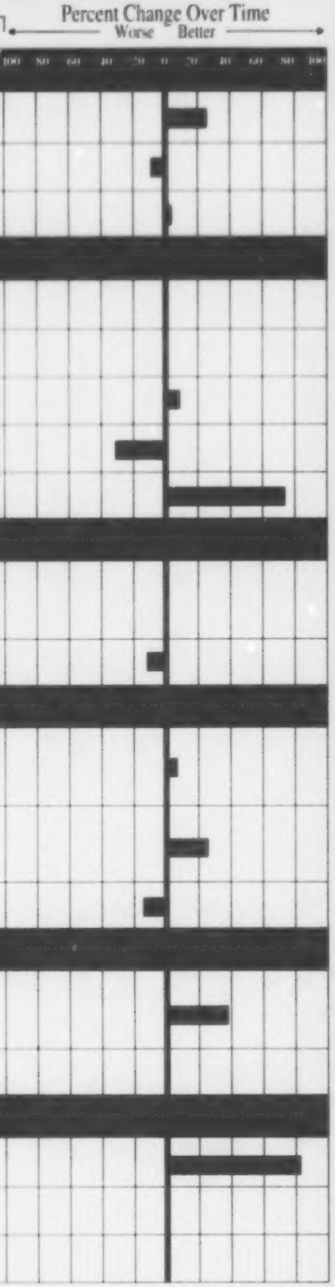
County Seat: Sedan



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY has much to celebrate in areas of improvement. The percent of low birth-weight babies, in addition to the percent of births with early prenatal care, improved significantly. The juvenile arrest rate is well below the average for the state. Unemployment is at 6.0% for 1994 compared to 5.2% the previous year. It should be noted that 287 children or 41.4% of school age youth are eligible for free school meals; this percent is significantly higher than the state figure of 24.1%. Of great concern is the decline in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 which placed the county in the bottom 10% of the counties.

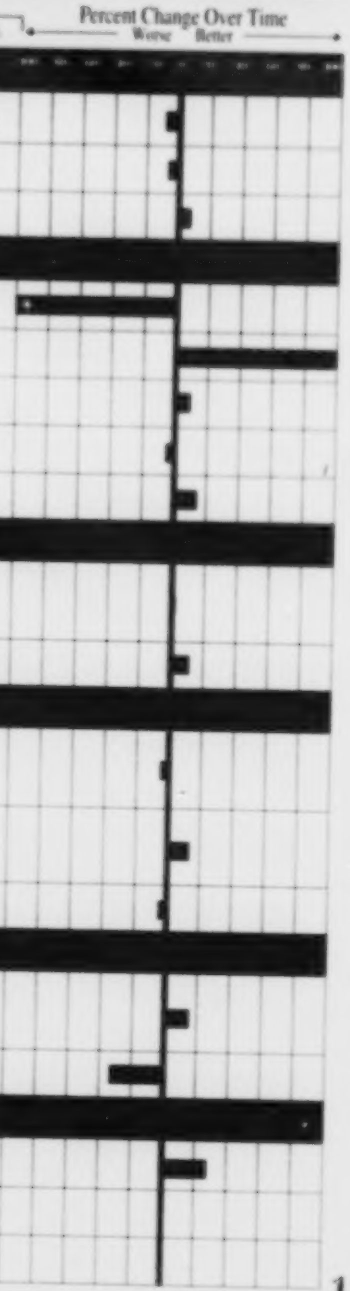
CHAUTAUQUA

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.1	2	5.3	3	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	38.3	287	41.4	10	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	26.4	281	25.7	10	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	24.5	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	25.5	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	76.5	31	83.8	6	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	51.0	20	35.0	10	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	9.7	1	2.6	2	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	34	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	11.4	74	10.1	10	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	75.3	31	79.5	4	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	21.1	6	15.8	6	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	85.7	39	73.6	9	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	4.9	3	3.0	3	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	10.5	2	1.9	4	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	.	.	.	22.6



CHEROKEE

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	14.2	43	15.4	10	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	34.5	1468	37.2	10	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	32.3	1785	30.0	10	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	13.5	3	68.2	8	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.2	0	.0	1	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	71.9	220	78.6	8	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	41.0	110	39.1	9	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.8	19	6.8	8	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	50.8	215	51.2	4	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	16.8	737	18.7	8	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	57.3	120	54.8	10	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	29.8	70	26.1	9	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	79.8	219	76.6	9	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	9.5	45	8.0	8	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	106.3	2	143.0	5	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	17.9	76	12.9	7	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		176	31.1	8	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		144	25.4	9	22.6

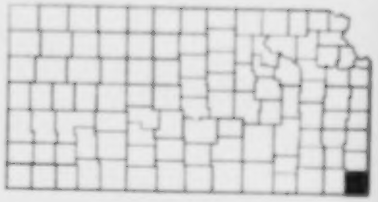


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	21,374	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.0%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	3.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$22,703	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	7.8%	5.3%

County Seat: Columbus



CHEROKEE COUNTY

had good news in that more women received early prenatal care which may have helped reduce the percent of low birth-weight babies. The county has a 7.8% rate of unemployed residents, a percentage much higher than the state figure of 5.3%. Cherokee County has a high percent of children approved for free school meals and almost 1,800 children receiving economic assistance; economic well-being is a critical issue for children in the county.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,243	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	24.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.0%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,984	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.9%	5.3%

County Seat: St. Francis

CHEYENNE COUNTY is a lightly populated county located in the extreme northwest part of the state. Because of its small population, rates for this county may vary to a greater extent than is found in more populous counties. The percent of births receiving early prenatal care has significantly improved as has the percent of low birth weight babies. Good news for children age 13 and under is that more licensed child care slots were made available. Measures under economic well-being have all worsened for the children of the county. Also the county percent of youth using alcohol on a regular basis and the percent who have used drugs is of concern, particularly when comparing them to the state percentages.

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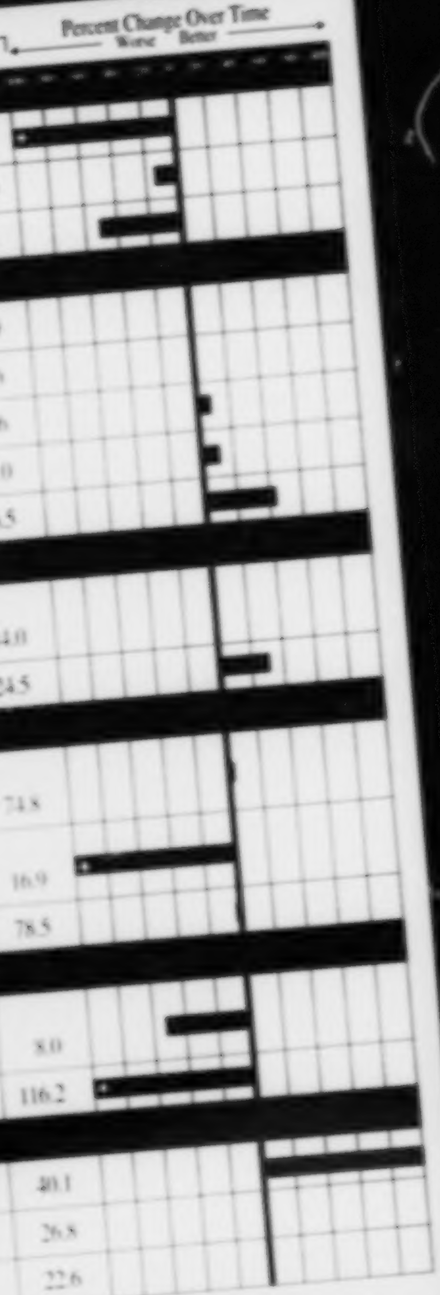
CHEYENNE

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.3	5	14.7	10	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	27.3	211	31.2	9	24.13
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	7.6	96	11.4	3	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children		0			27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	13.2	0			7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	80.9	29	87.9	4	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	64.5	24	57.1	6	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.3	1	2.9	2	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	0	16	0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	19.7	137	25.9	3	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	84.2	37	86.0	1	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	6.1	5	14.7	6	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	88.0	43	87.8	5	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	2.6	3	4.0	4	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	116.5	1	658.7	10	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.9	0	0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times					26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs					22.6



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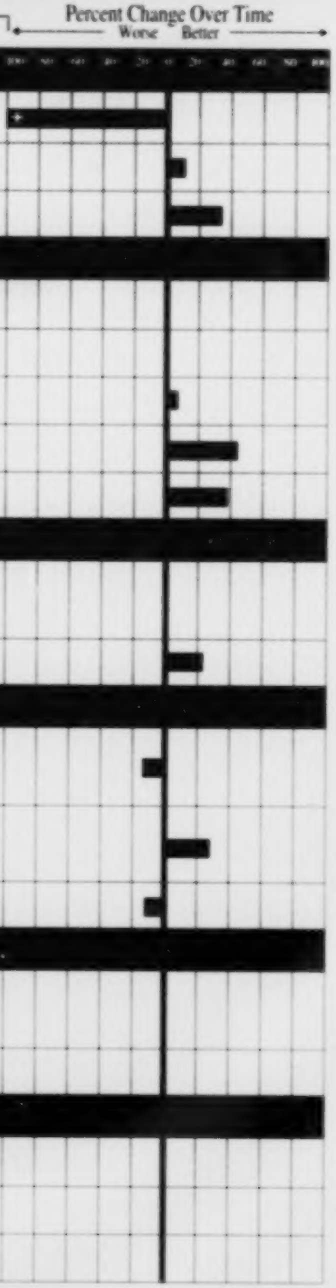
	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	1.6	1	3.3	2	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	18.3	90	16.3	1	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	12.4	51	8.2	2	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	.	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	1	33.3	10	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	87.5	28	93.3	1	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	34.5	17	50.0	8	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.5	1	3.3	3	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	2	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	20.4	114	25.1	3	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	87.4	22	75.9	6	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.4	2	6.7	2	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	94.1	29	82.9	7	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	.0	1	1.7	1	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	306.7	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.0	0	.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times	.	.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	.	.	.	22.6

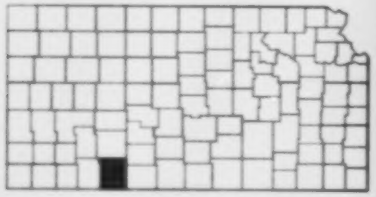


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,418	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.9%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,631	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.7%	5.3%

County Seat: Ashland



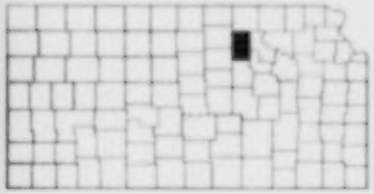
CLARK COUNTY has one of the lowest unemployment percents in the state at 2.7%. Clark County has a small population which can cause rates to vary to a greater extent than is found in more populous counties. There were 28 babies, or 93.3 percent of all births in the county, that received early prenatal care. The percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 showed improvement, though the county is still in the bottom 20% of the counties.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	9,158	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.9%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,306	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	4.0%	5.3%

County Seat: Clay Center



CLAY COUNTY experienced positive news for all educational achievement indicators, high school graduation, post-secondary education and births to mothers without a high school degree. The unemployment percent of 4.0% is one of the lowest in the state. The indicators under early child care and education are in the top 20% of the state; providing more than adequate opportunities for young children to participate in Head Start and being cared for by a licensed care giver. Of concern is the increased percent of low birth weight babies.

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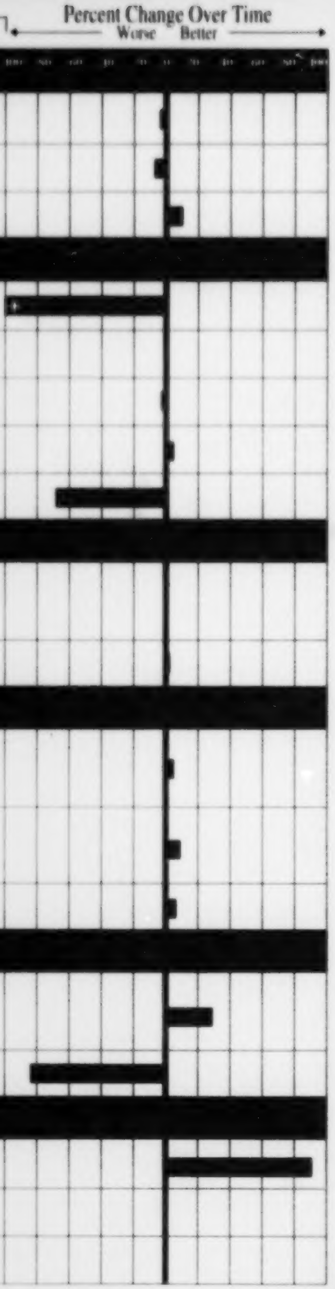
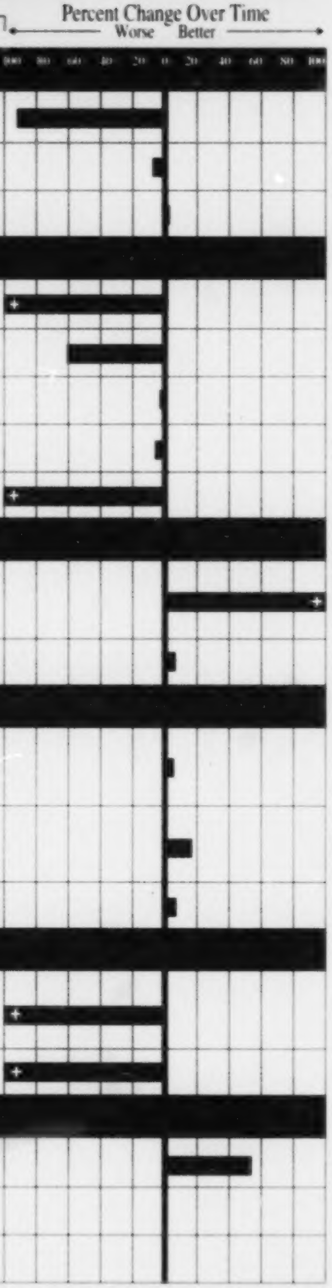
CLAY

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.4	7	6.5	5	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.0	418	23.5	5	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	16.6	364	15.0	6	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	21.2	1	52.9	7	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.5	0			7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.7	88	82.2	7	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	61.0	72	62.9	4	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.7	9	8.4	9	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	109.1	55	109.1	1	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	30.5	512	30.6	2	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	74.0	90	76.9	6	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.4	14	13.1	5	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	89.2	117	94.4	3	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	9.8	16	6.9	7	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	115.2	1	211.1	7	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.0	1	4	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times					26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs					22.6



CLOUD

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.1	9	9.9	7	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	24.6	438	26.4	6	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	14.8	405	14.7	5	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	20.0	1	51.2	7	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.8	1	11.0	7	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	88.2	79	86.8	5	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	45.3	42	42.3	9	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.1	10	11.0	10	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	23.0	57	78.6	2	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	32.0	610	33.8	1	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	70.4	76	73.1	7	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	12.2	9	9.9	3	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	90.7	104	97.2	2	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	3.6	19	7.8	8	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	48.9	1	139.9	5	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	26.0	33	12.2	6	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times	.	.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	.	.	.	22.6

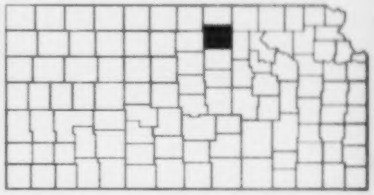


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	11,023	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	22.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.8%	88.4%
Black	0.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,654	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.5%	5.3%

County Seat: Concordia

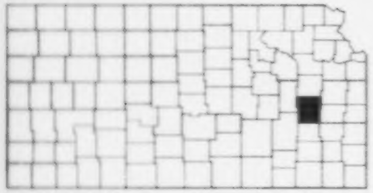


CLOUD COUNTY should be proud of the gains it is experiencing in the areas of education for all ages from preschool participation in Head Start to high school graduations and post-secondary pursuits. The percent of all births to mothers with less than a high school degree has improved. The licensed child care available is higher than the average for the state. The indicators listed under physical health and safety as a snap shot of conditions, are of a concern and should be noted.

DEMOGRAPHICS
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	8,404	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.4%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,874	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.6%	5.3%

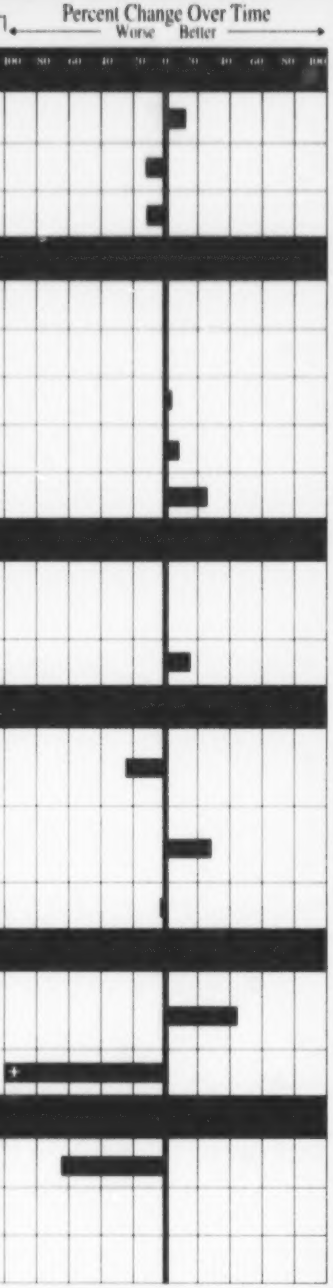
County Seat: Burlington



COFFEY COUNTY with 27.2% of its population under age 18, is a bit higher than the state figure. Improvements in the percent of births with early prenatal care, the percent of low birth-weight babies and the percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 is encouraging to the physical health and safety of the children in the county. The rate of child care availability has improved for the county also. Of concern is the percent of youth using alcohol and the increases in the juvenile arrest rate.

COFFEY

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.0	8	7.1	5	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	19.3	423	21.5	4	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	13.9	376	15.5	6	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	89.3	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	2.0	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.5	100	88.5	4	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	53.5	74	57.8	5	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.8	4	3.5	3	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	19	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	23.8	429	27.2	2	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	82.7	67	62.0	10	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.1	13	11.5	4	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	93.7	108	92.3	4	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	4.9	6	2.7	2	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	109.3	2	396.1	9	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.9	48	20.0	7	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		133	28.4	6	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	88	18.8	4	22.6



Percent Change Over Time

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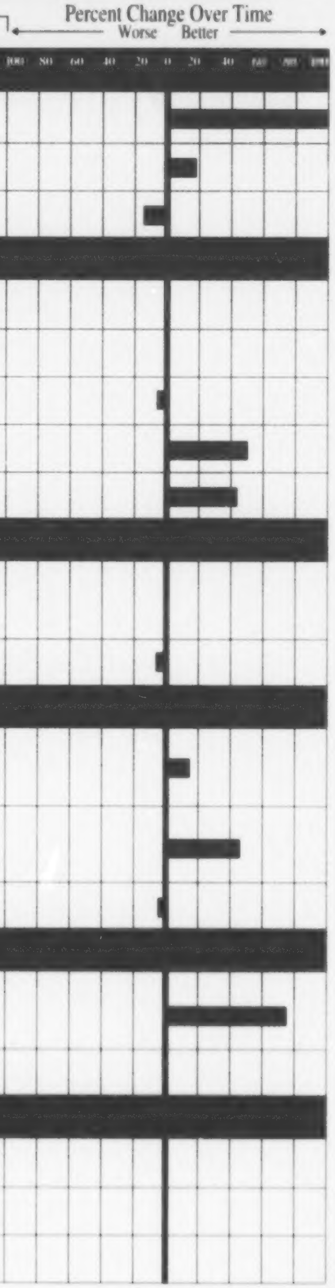
	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.1	0	.0	1	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	24.8	87	20.3	3	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	6.7	46	7.7	2	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	.	1	221.7	10	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	1	40.0	10	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	89.0	21	84.0	6	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	51.5	25	77.3	1	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.0	1	4.0	3	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	19	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	27.1	105	25.2	3	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	77.8	25	89.3	1	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.8	2	8.0	2	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	100.0	28	96.6	2	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	7.2	1	1.8	2	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	165.6	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.0	0	.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		37	29.1	7	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	.	.	1	22.6

Percent Change Over Time

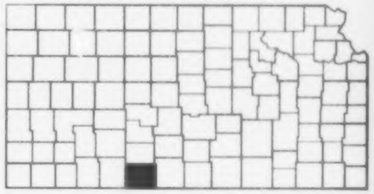


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,313	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	24.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.7%	88.4%
Black	0.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,057	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.6%	5.3%

County Seat: Coldwater



COMANCHE COUNTY

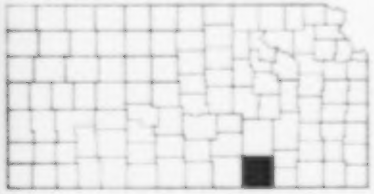
has an unemployment rate of 2.6% and is in the top 10% of the state. Good news for the county includes the four areas in which the county is performing better than 90% of all counties: births to single teens, percent of kindergartners fully immunized, high school graduates pursuing higher education and the percent of youth reporting they have tried drugs. The lack of a Head Start program should be noted. Though one death is too many, the high percent changes on the childhood death and infant mortality rates may be due to the lightly populated county and the fact that the base rates were 0.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	36,915	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	91.5%	88.4%
Black	2.8%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.9%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	3.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,107	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.4%	5.3%

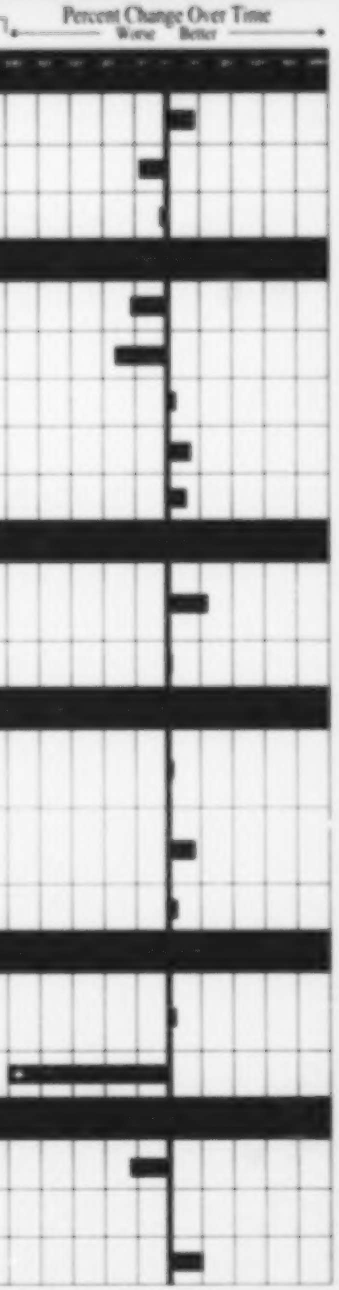
County Seat: Winfield



COWLEY COUNTY had good news on many indicators. The percent of Head Start participation increased for children ages 3-4. Kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 rose, which placed the county in the top 30% of the counties. The percent of students graduating from high school has shown improvement also. Of concern are the economic well-being indicators of children approved for free school meals and children receiving economic assistance which continued to grow and now exceed the state averages.

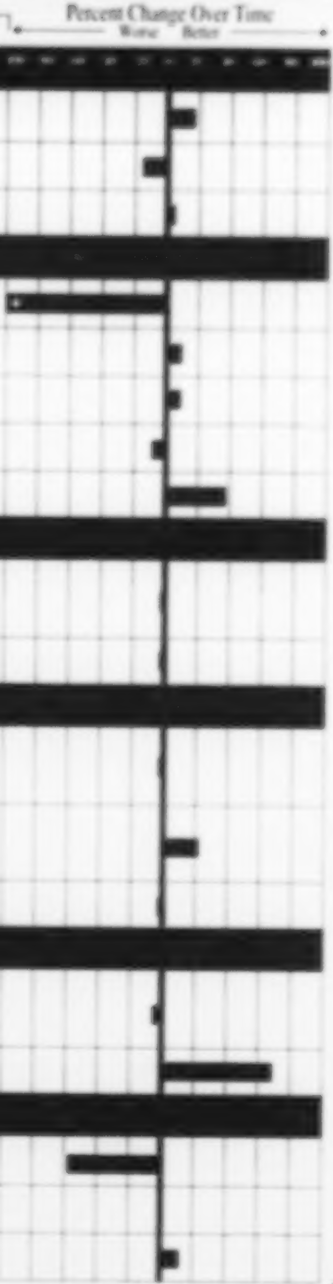
COWLEY

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	10.5	42	8.8	6	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.4	1910	26.2	6	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	22.2	2236	22.8	9	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	30.5	3	37.5	5	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.3	4	8.3	5	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.0	412	86.4	5	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	56.8	312	65.2	3	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.8	29	6.0	6	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	39.2	174	48.8	5	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	20.1	1475	20.1	6	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	72.1	266	73.3	7	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	20.7	82	17.1	7	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	75.9	363	79.1	9	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	7.8	77	7.5	7	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	68.8	4	163.7	6	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	49.5	601	61.2	10	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		175	25.6	4	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	26.5	144	21.1	6	22.6



CRAWFORD

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.8	36	7.3	5	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	30.7	2364	35.3	10	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	28.0	2336	27.3	10	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	30.3	5	75.4	9	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.7	3	6.0	3	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.3	419	84.5	6	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	45.3	183	41.5	9	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.5	17	3.4	3	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	41.7	257	41.6	6	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	19.4	1183	19.3	7	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	71.6	248	71.3	8	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.8	76	15.5	6	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	83.4	348	82.1	8	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	15.5	137	16.4	10	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	145.2	1	44.7	2	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	24.4	330	38.8	9	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		209	29.9	7	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	26.1	163	23.4	8	22.6



DEMOGRAPHICS
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	35,568	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.7%	88.4%
Black	1.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%	0.9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,316	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.2%	5.3%

County Seat: Girard

CRAWFORD COUNTY

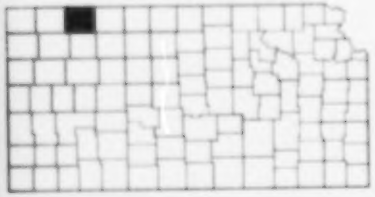
has 23.3% of its population under the age of 18, a little less than the state average of 26.7%. Significant improvement can be seen in a declining teen violent death rate. The percent of all births to mothers with less than a high school degree has improved for Crawford County. The county has six indicators that are performing in the bottom 20% of the counties. Of particular concern are the economic well-being indicators; children receiving economic assistance is 27.3%, significantly higher than the state figure of 18.4%.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,021	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.4%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,250	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.9%	5.3%

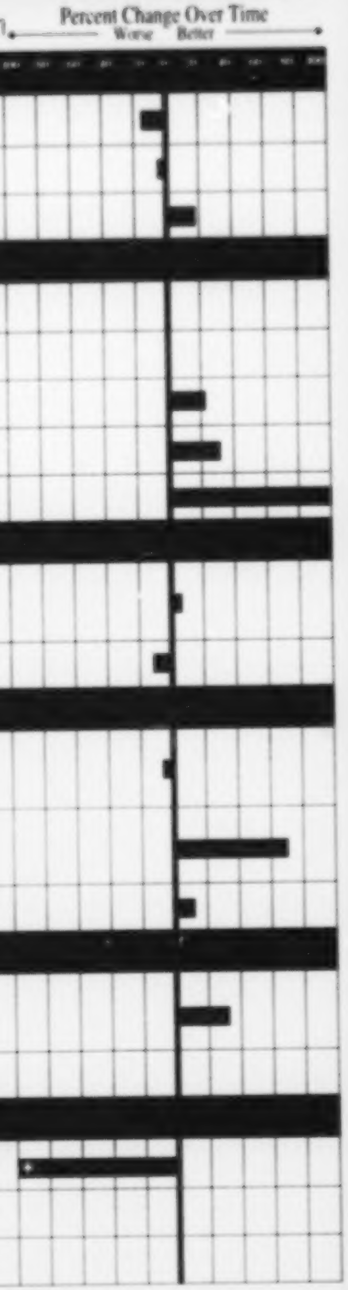
County Seat: Oberlin



DECATUR COUNTY performs well on many of the measurements of child well-being, with six indicators performing in the top 10% of the state. Births with early prenatal care and kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 have improved for children living in Decatur. The juvenile arrest rate has climbed for the county, although the county rate is still well below the state rate. Of continued concern is the fact that 17% of children in the county live in poverty, and only 6.5% of these children receive economic assistance.

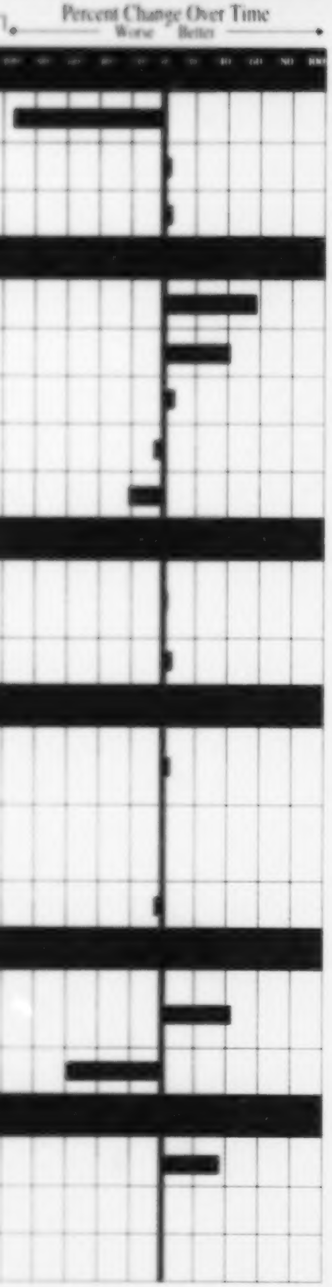
DECATUR

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	1.9	1	2.1	1	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	21.8	169	22.7	4	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	8.0	71	6.5	1	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	47.7	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	74.4	43	91.5	2	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	39.0	26	51.4	7	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	.9	0	.0	1	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	80.4	20	85.5	1	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	23.7	166	21.1	5	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	80.1	37	75.5	6	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	8.6	1	2.1	1	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	95.2	49	100.0	1	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	3.0	2	2.0	2	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	108.0	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.9	9	8.3	6	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		.	.	.	22.6



DICKINSON

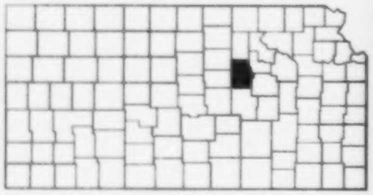
	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.1	21	10.0	7	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	23.3	1002	22.7	4	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	15.6	779	15.0	6	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	61.3	1	25.7	4	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.0	1	4.7	1	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.3	176	83.4	7	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	60.0	168	57.7	6	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.9	15	7.1	8	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	42.7	105	42.8	5	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	30.5	1121	31.8	1	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	67.5	181	69.1	9	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.3	34	16.3	7	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	86.7	262	84.2	7	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	6.1	17	3.5	3	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	118.5	2	189.1	6	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	37.5	125	24.3	8	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times					26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	25.3				22.6


Percent Change Over Time

DEMOGRAPHICS
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	18,958	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.9%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,019	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.7%	5.3%

County Seat: Abilene



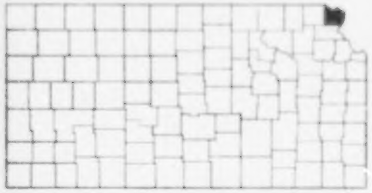
DICKINSON COUNTY has a licensed child care availability well above the state rate and is in the top 10% of all counties. The childhood death rate and the infant mortality rate have shown significant improvement. The percent of births with early prenatal care climbed higher than the base rate. A problem area is the further increase in births to single teens; the county rate exceeds the state rate for the first time.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	8,134	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.1%	88.4%
Black	1.9%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,317	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	7.1%	5.3%

County Seat: Troy



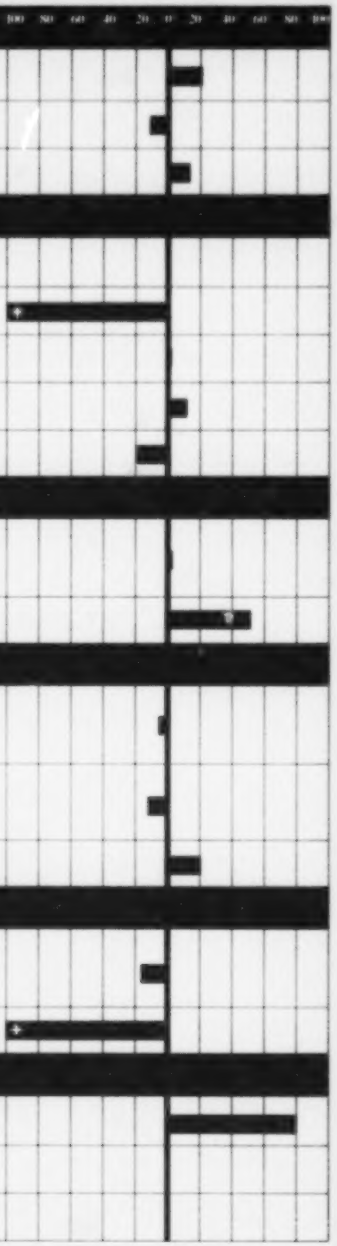
DONIPHAN COUNTY

Doniphan County has a 7.1 percent of unemployed in the county, significantly higher than the state figure of 5.3%. The good news to celebrate in the county is the percent of students graduating from high school which reached 100% for the current year. Another piece of good news is the significant decline in the percent of youth ever using drugs. Though an encouraging increase in the licensed child care availability has occurred, there is still a need for further increases. There are a total of five indicators which are in the bottom 20% of the state.

DONIPHAN

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.9	7	7.1	5	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	26.7	490	29.9	9	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	21.6	445	18.9	8	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	47.9	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	2.0	1	10.2	6	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	76.3	75	76.5	9	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	40.5	47	45.2	9	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.0	7	7.1	8	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	77.3	50	79.5	2	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	10.8	228	16.2	9	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	71.4	96	68.1	9	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	17.6	19	19.6	8	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	87.4	141	100.0	1	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	3.4	8	4.0	4	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	84.7	2	306.7	8	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.5	3	1.3	4	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	23.8	.	.	.	22.6

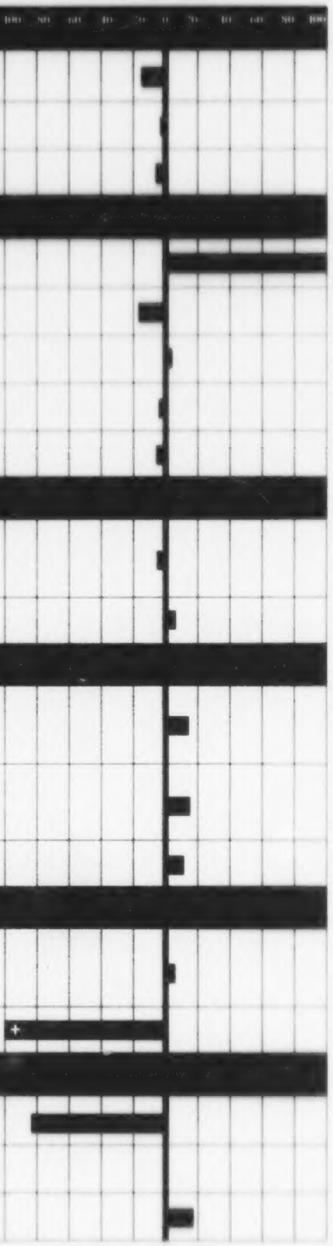
Percent Change Over Time



DOUGLAS

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.2	80	7.2	5	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	18.0	2198	18.3	2	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	17.9	2905	18.9	8	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	28.9	0	0	1	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.1	8	7.2	4	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.4	964	87.0	4	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	73.3	674	71.5	1	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.8	70	6.3	7	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	26.0	315	24.8	7	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	28.2	4318	29.8	2	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	66.0	496	75.2	6	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.3	88	7.9	2	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	82.3	660	91.3	4	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	10.6	204	10.1	9	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	26.9	7	78.6	3	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.8	857	54.9	10	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		57	46.3	10	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	38.6	39	31.7	10	22.6

Percent Change Over Time

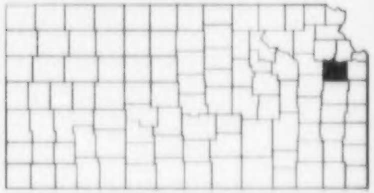


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	81,798	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	20.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	87.7%	88.4%
Black	4.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	2.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$35,631	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.4%	5.3%

County Seat: Lawrence



DOUGLAS COUNTY, with a population of about 81,800, has a lower percent of its' population under age 18 than the state average of 26.7%. All three areas under educational achievement showed significant gains and should be celebrated by the county. The child care availability rate is better than 80% of other counties in the state. Areas that should be looked at include all indicators under Social Behavior and Social Control: the juvenile arrest rate and the reported alcohol and drug usage are among the worst in the state.

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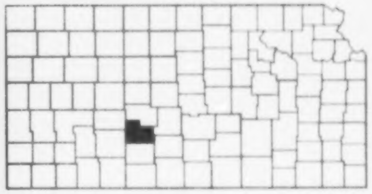
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,787	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.2%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	5.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,784	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.5%	5.3%

County Seat: Kinsley



EDWARDS COUNTY is a lightly populated and homogeneous county. Because of its small population, rates for this county may vary to a greater extent than is found in more populous counties. The percent of all births to mothers with less than a high school degree showed improvement. The percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 climbed to 61.4%. The county's younger children could be better served with a Head Start program and more licensed child care slots. The percent of children approved for free school meals, an indicator of economic well-being, continues to climb for Edwards County.

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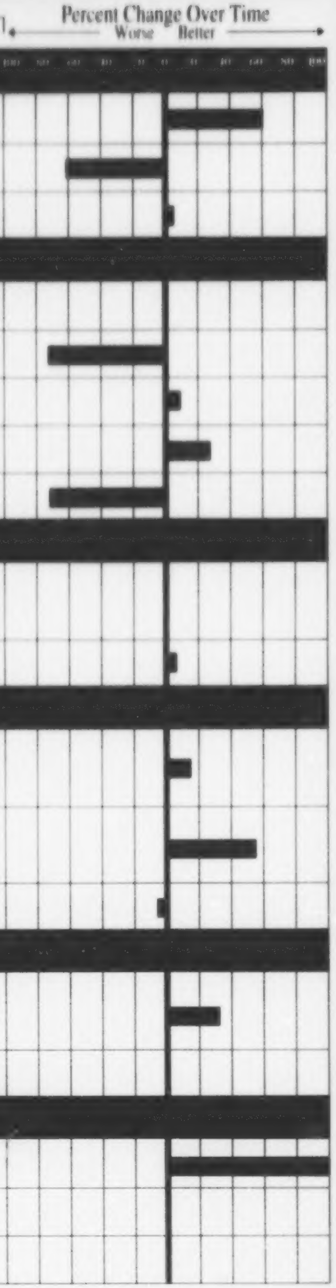
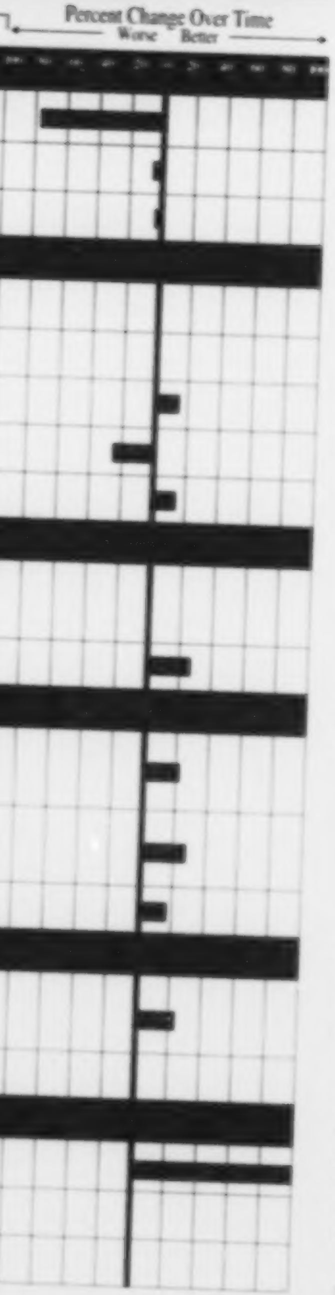
EDWARDS

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.4	1	2.6	1	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	15.7	177	25.2	6	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	15.4	150	14.9	6	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	.	1	127.7	9	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	14.9	1	25.6	10	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	77.7	33	84.6	6	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	53.5	31	61.4	5	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.5	3	7.7	8	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	25	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	18.8	134	19.8	7	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	72.9	35	83.3	2	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	22.9	4	10.3	3	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	88.8	42	84.0	7	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	6.5	4	4.4	5	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	106.6	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.6	0	.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		62	35.9	9	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	30	17.4	3	22.6



ELK

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.1	3	9.1	6	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	40.0	340	42.1	10	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	25.3	211	26.1	10	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	35.8	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	1	30.3	10	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.6	30	90.9	2	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	51.3	22	38.1	10	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.0	2	6.1	6	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	0	23	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	6.6	40	8.4	10	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	56.8	34	69.4	9	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	21.2	5	15.2	6	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	88.3	49	100.0	1	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	12.0	6	9.2	9	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19		0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.1	0	.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times			20.5	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	23.3				22.6

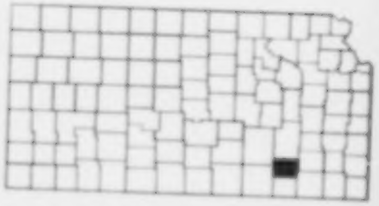


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,327	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	21.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.3%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,091	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	7.9%	5.3%

County Seat: Howard



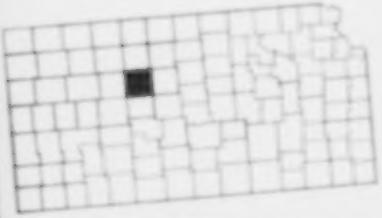
ELK COUNTY has shown improvement in the three indicators measuring educational achievement: high school graduation rate, high school graduates pursuing higher education or training and the percent of mothers without a high school degree. Though there was slight improvement in the licensed child care slots available, many more are needed to serve the county's children under the age of 13. The indicators measuring economic well-being of the children living in Elk County are of concern. The percent of children approved for free school meals and the percent of children receiving economic assistance are some of the highest in the state.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	26,004	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.0%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.6%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,144	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	4.7%	5.3%

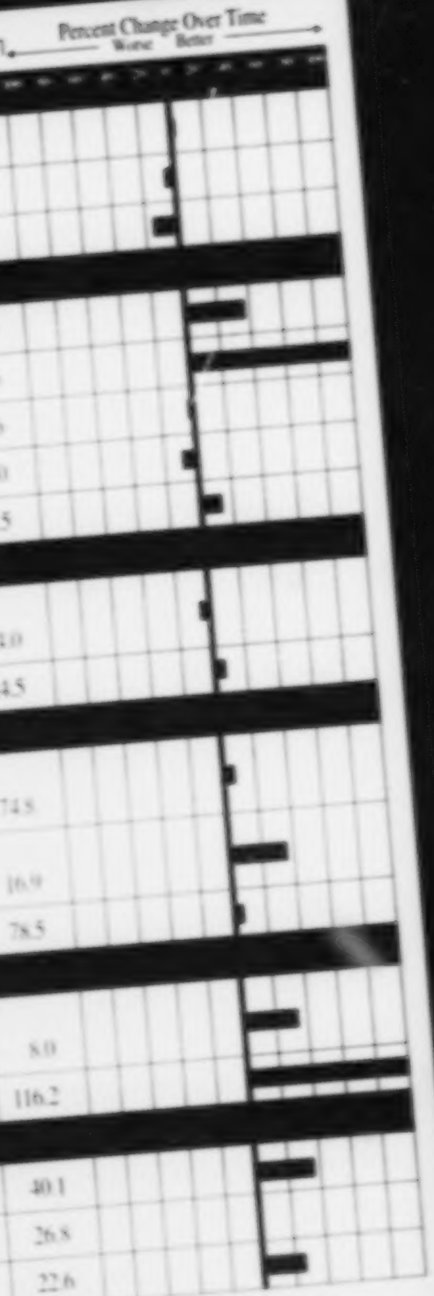
County Seat: Hays



ELLIS COUNTY has more than adequate licensed child care availability for the children that live in the county; the county rate is significantly better than the state rate. Areas to celebrate for the county that have improved include all the indicators under Educational Achievement, Emotional Well-being and Social Behavior and Social Control. The county should keep an eye on the declining percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2.

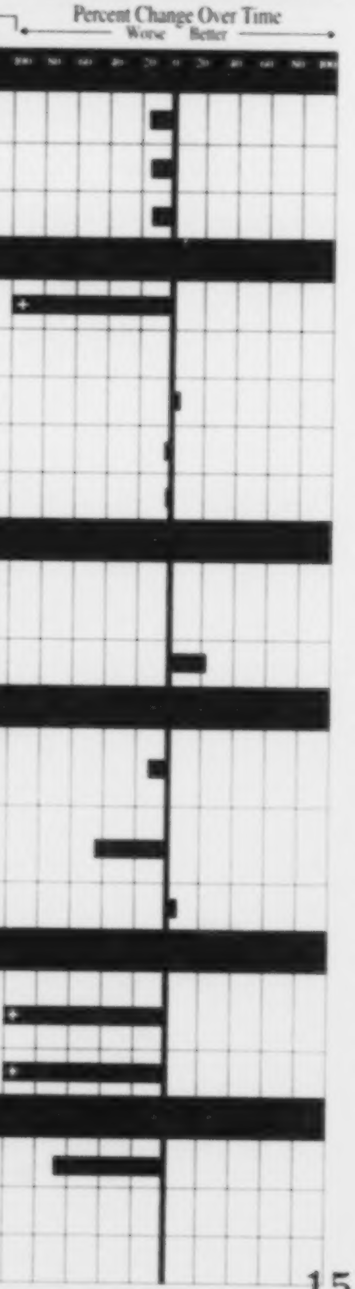
ELLIS

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.9	15	4.8	3	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	15.5	812	16.5	2	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	11.5	903	13.3	4	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	29.1	1	17.8	2	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.8	0	.0	1	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	91.8	281	90.6	2	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.8	157	57.9	5	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.2	14	4.5	4	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	61.0	150	57.5	3	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	29.6	1577	30.6	2	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	73.7	228	78.4	5	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	5.1	10	3.2	1	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	91.1	291	94.5	3	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	6.3	29	4.2	4	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	29.3	0	.0	1	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	34.5	148	21.8	8	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		80	22.9	2	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	20.3	52	14.9	2	22.6


Percent Change Over Time

ELLSWORTH

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.6	4	7.5	5	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	17.3	290	19.7	3	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	10.6	196	12.1	4	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	33.1	1	83.1	9	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.8	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.2	47	88.7	3	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	65.0	58	63.5	4	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.6	3	5.7	6	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	22	69.7	2	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	18.2	240	22.2	5	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	72.2	58	60.4	10	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.2	7	13.2	5	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	93.8	96	99.0	2	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	1.9	7	4.5	5	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	102.5	1	273.3	7	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	20.9	57	35.4	9	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times					26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		.	.	.	22.6

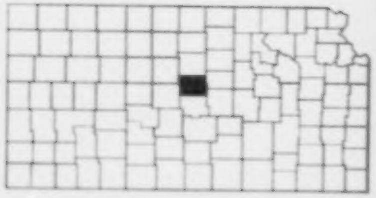


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,586	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.6%	88.4%
Black	2.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,332	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.5%	5.3%

County Seat: Ellsworth



ELLSWORTH COUNTY has 23.7% of its population under age 18, a bit lower than the state average. The county has good news to celebrate in adding a Head Start program for children age 3-4 living below the poverty line. The licensed child care availability also improved for the county; more good news for the children living in Ellsworth County. The area to focus on is the economic well-being of children which appears to be in a gradual decline.

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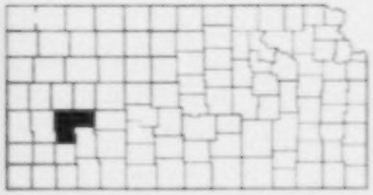
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	33,070	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	34.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	69.3%	88.4%
Black	1.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3.5%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	25.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,383	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.5%	5.3%

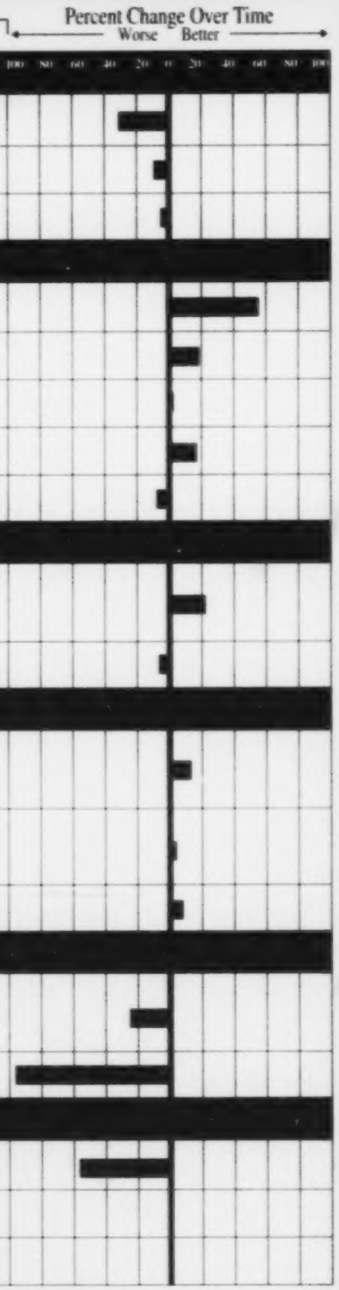
County Seat: Garden City



FINNEY COUNTY has a high percent of children and a more diverse population than most Kansas communities. The educational improvements achieved by Finney County are good news for the children living in the county. The increase in Head Start participation, the improved graduation rates and the post-secondary gains are benefits for the children. Of concern are the increases in the percent of births to single teens, and the other two indicators of economic well-being which are increasing also. The county has 8 indicators which are in the bottom 20% of the state.

FINNEY

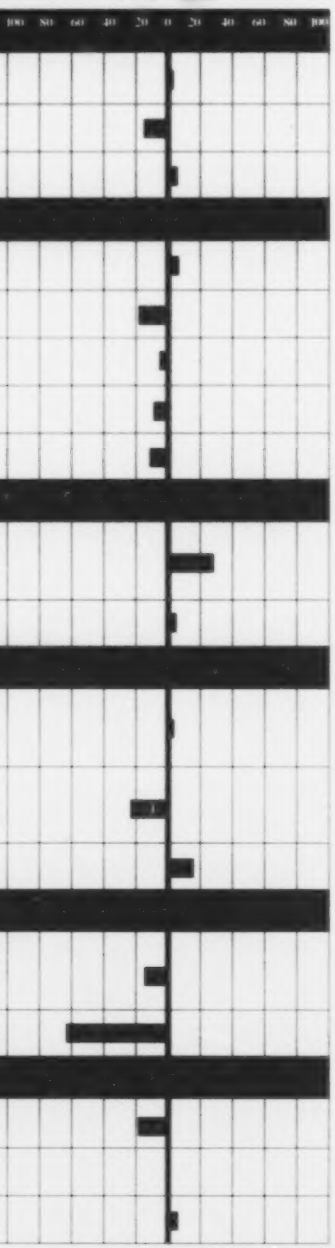
	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	10.5	112	13.8	9	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	31.4	2879	34.4	10	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	20.8	2060	21.7	9	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	41.7	2	18.5	3	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.1	4	4.9	2	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	61.7	496	61.0	10	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	42.8	395	50.3	7	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.2	54	6.6	7	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	55.1	225	67.5	2	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	13.9	1394	13.0	10	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	69.8	319	78.4	5	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	42.0	342	42.6	10	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	73.9	407	79.2	9	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	6.9	121	8.6	8	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	39.0	2	76.4	3	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	104.8	1629	165.7	10	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		313	20.4	1	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	24.2	322	21.0	6	22.6



FORD

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	9.9	58	9.8	7	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	31.7	2160	36.4	10	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	23.5	1672	22.3	9	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	46.1	3	43.5	6	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.5	6	10.1	6	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	69.9	395	66.6	10	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	54.8	214	49.7	8	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.0	33	5.6	5	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	77.0	183	99.2	1	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	23.6	1649	24.5	4	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	80.4	245	81.4	3	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	33.1	242	40.9	10	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	76.9	301	88.5	5	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	7.3	55	6.2	6	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	148.4	5	241.9	7	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	44.5	403	53.1	10	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		298	25.5	3	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	27.2	303	25.9	9	22.6

Percent Change Over Time

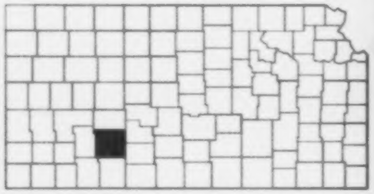


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	27,463	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	29.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	80.5%	88.4%
Black	1.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	14.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,613	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.8%	5.3%

County Seat: Dodge City



FORD COUNTY has a higher percent of children under age 18 and a more diverse population than most Kansas counties. The county is one of the best in the state in Head Start participation. The percent of high school graduations and the percent of graduates pursuing post-secondary education have achieved positive gains for the county also. Some areas to concentrate on improving are: the percent of all births to mothers with less than a high school degree, juvenile arrests, and the use of drugs by youths.

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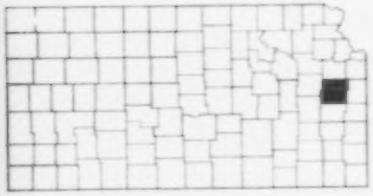
DEMOGRAPHICS
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	21,994	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.4%	88.4%
Black	1.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,210	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.9%	5.3%

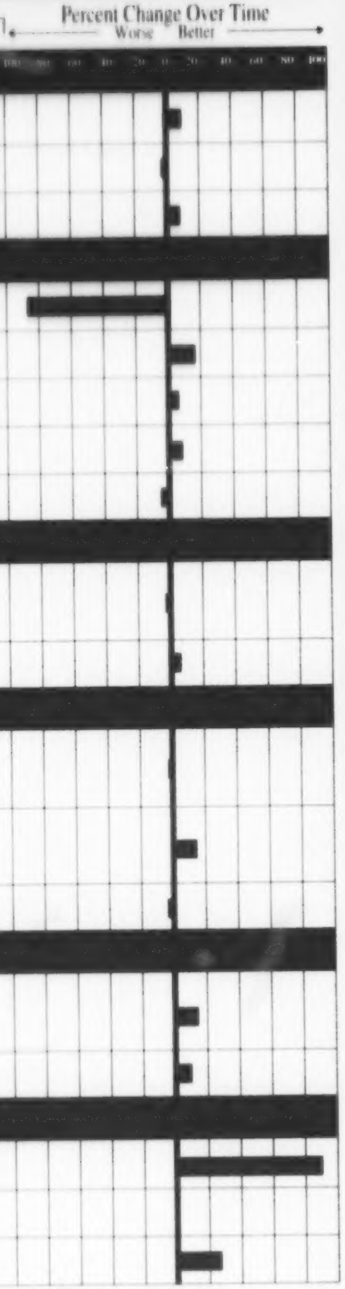
County Seat: Ottawa



FRANKLIN COUNTY has a higher youth population than many other Kansas communities. The county has made positive strides in its immunization rates, early prenatal care, single teen births, and the juvenile arrest rate. Though improvement is evident in the percent of youth using drugs, the county rate is larger than the state average. The out of home placement rate is one of the highest in the state.

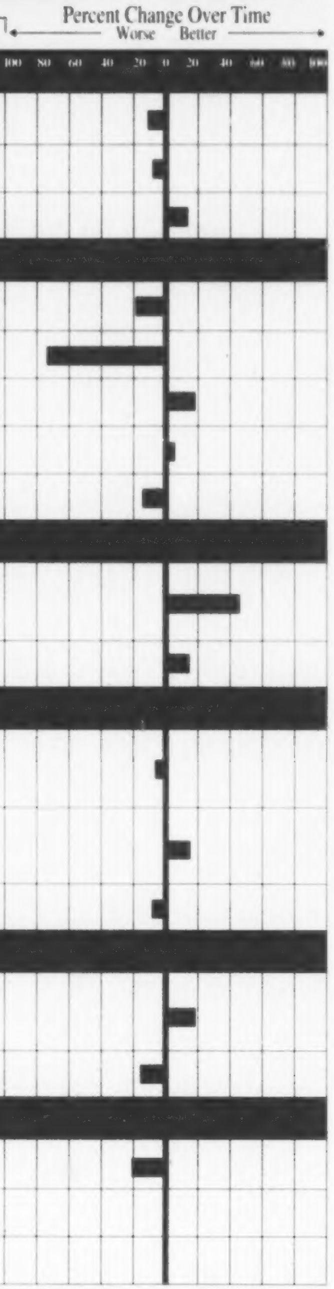
FRANKLIN

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.5	25	7.8	6	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.4	1099	22.6	4	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	21.7	1226	20.1	8	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	20.1	2	39.1	5	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	11.4	3	9.4	6	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	81.5	275	86.2	5	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	48.8	191	52.7	7	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.0	20	6.3	7	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	21.3	96	20.9	7	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	22.4	1144	23.5	4	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	66.0	152	65.8	9	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	21.0	57	17.9	7	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	80.6	231	79.1	9	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	10.8	60	9.3	9	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	81.1	1	73.8	3	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	30.9	9	1.5	4	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		69	19.4	1	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	31.6	81	22.9	7	22.6



GEARY

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.1	63	6.8	5	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	34.7	2864	37.6	10	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	30.2	2327	26.4	10	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	53.9	5	64.4	8	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.4	12	12.9	8	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	60.7	674	72.3	10	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	53.3	404	55.4	6	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.5	80	8.6	9	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	36.4	384	53.4	4	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	16.8	1470	19.2	7	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	54.4	133	51.0	10	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.9	124	13.3	5	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	70.4	261	65.1	10	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate Per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	8.0	61	6.5	7	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	99.4	2	115.6	4	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	57.6	615	69.5	10	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		203	16.3	1	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		327	26.2	9	22.6

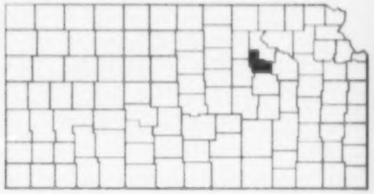


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	30,453	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	29.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	66.4%	88.4%
Black	22.9%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3.8%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	6.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,231	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	8.8%	5.3%

County Seat: Junction City



GEARY COUNTY has a higher percent of its population under age 18 and a more diverse population than most counties in the state. Great news for the younger children in the county was the increase in Head Start participation and the increase in child care availability. Although the high school graduation rate is quite low, it should be noted that migration activity cannot be measured in the high school graduation figure. Thus, the transfer of military personnel in and out of the county may affect the rate. The juvenile arrest rate remains high as do the economic indicators measuring the percent of children approved for free school meals and the percent of children receiving economic assistance. The county should also note the high percent of youth reporting drug usage other than alcohol.

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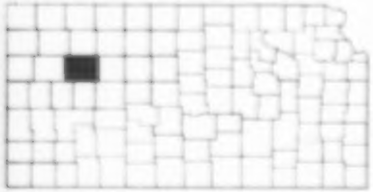
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,231	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.4%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,275	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.1%	5.3%

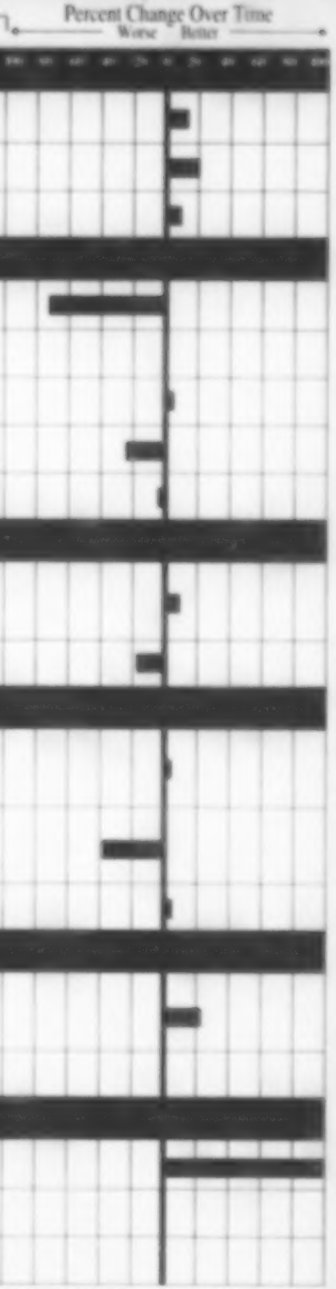
County Seat: Gove



GOVE COUNTY had positive news in the following areas which are among the best 10% in the state: percent of births to single teens, percent of children approved for free school meals, percent of children receiving economic assistance and Head Start participation. The high school graduation rate and percent of high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education improved for Gove County. The county should be concerned with the low immunization rate which has declined the past two years.

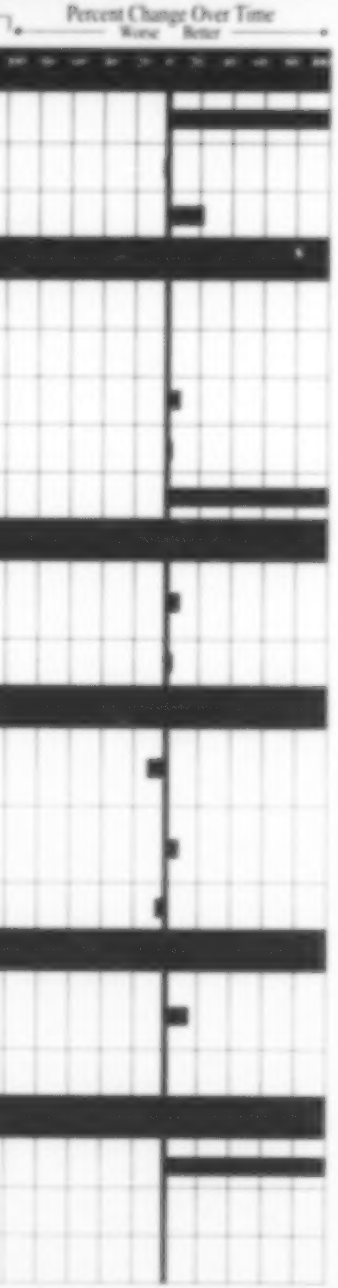
GOVE

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.0	1	2.6	1	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	13.8	78	10.9	1	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	4.8	43	4.3	1	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	89.7	1	158.9	10	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.0	0	.		7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	90.0	36	92.3	2	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	65.8	26	50.0	8	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.5	3	7.7	8	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	108.5	14	118.7	1	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	21.9	104	18.1	8	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	79.2	44	81.5	3	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	7.5	4	10.5	3	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	96.2	54	96.4	2	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	4.9	3	3.8	4	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.	1	607.6	10	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.9	0	0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times					26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		.	.	.	22.6



GRAHAM

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	1.8	0	.0	1	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	24.8	159	25.0	6	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	12.0	95	9.3	2	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	54.3	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.0	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.0	23	88.5	4	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	37.0	11	37.5	10	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.2	0	.0	1	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	58.1	27	62.3	3	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	26.1	170	26.7	2	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	77.1	26	68.4	9	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	8.4	2	7.7	2	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	97.0	38	90.5	4	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	13.7	10	11.7	9	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	312.0	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.5	0	.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		49	29.6	7	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs			.	2	22.6



DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,543	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.8%	88.4%
Black	2.9%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,742	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.9%	5.3%

County Seat: Hill City

GRAHAM COUNTY had good news with no births to single teens, no low birth weight babies and no juvenile arrests for the current year. The percent of births with early prenatal care is higher than the state average. The participation in Head Start and the licensed child care available are among the best rates in the state. However, the county has one of the lowest immunization rates in the state and should question why. The county should also be aware of the high reported use of alcohol by its youth.

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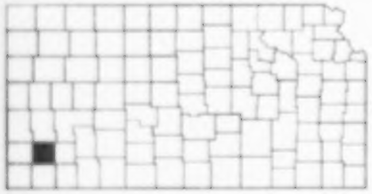
DEMOGRAPHICS
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,159	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	34.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	76.8%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.5%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	21.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,241	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.2%	5.3%

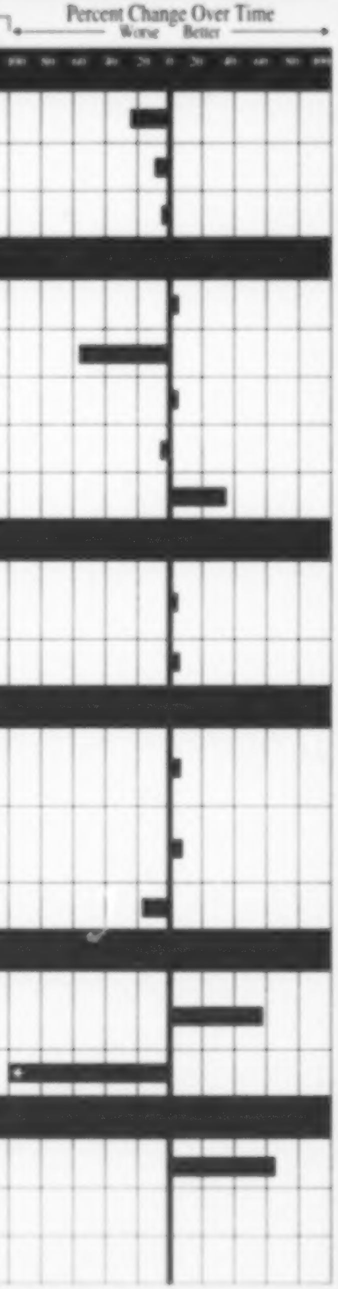
County Seat: Ulysses



GRANT COUNTY has a median family income similar to the average for the state. The county has one of the highest Head Start participation rates. 21.6% of the population identify themselves as Hispanic, a higher percent than the state figures. Both out-of-home placements and the juvenile arrest rate improved for Grant County. Areas of concern include the fact that 1 of every 3 births in the county is to a mother without a high school degree and the increase in the percent of births to single teens.

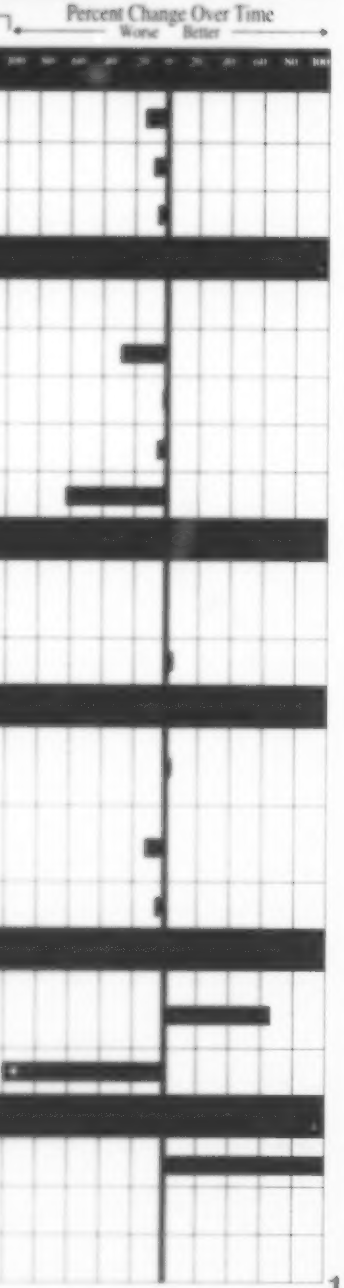
GRANT

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	9.2	16	11.5	8	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	26.2	502	28.7	8	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	17.4	442	18.2	7	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	49.3	1	47.7	7	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	4.6	1	7.2	4	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	70.9	100	73.0	10	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	45.5	46	43.3	9	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.5	5	3.6	3	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	97.2	51	101.0	1	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	20.8	424	21.8	5	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	72.2	64	77.1	6	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	39.1	50	36.0	10	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	78.6	83	64.8	10	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	4.6	5	1.9	2	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	37.6	1	201.0	6	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	13.3	8	3.3	4	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times					26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	27.3	.	.		22.6


Percent Change Over Time

GRAY

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.4	5	5.0	3	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	16.1	214	17.5	2	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	9.0	157	9.5	2	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	42.2	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.8	1	10.0	6	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.0	83	83.8	6	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	71.0	60	66.3	3	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.9	8	8.0	9	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	0	40	37.2	6	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	17.4	242	18.0	8	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	81.5	64	83.1	2	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	26.5	29	29.6	10	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	89.7	77	84.6	6	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	1.6	1	.5	1	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	52.5	1	270.7	7	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9	0	0	1	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		71	29.4	7	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		30	12.4	1	22.6

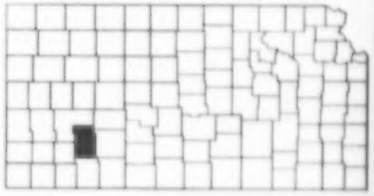


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,396	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	32.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.1%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,878	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.4%	5.3%

County Seat: Cimarron



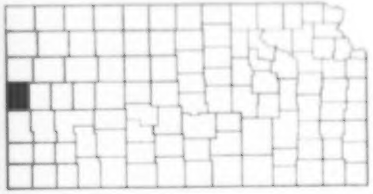
GRAY COUNTY has a higher percent of its population under age 18 than most of the other parts of the state. The out-of-home placement rate is one of the lowest in Kansas. The percent of high school graduates pursuing a higher education is one of the highest in all counties. Of concern is the continued sliding of the economic well-being indicators for the second year. The county should also be aware of the high percent of births to mothers with less than a high school degree, one of the worst in the state.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	1,774	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	30.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	93.5%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	6.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,989	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.2%	5.3%

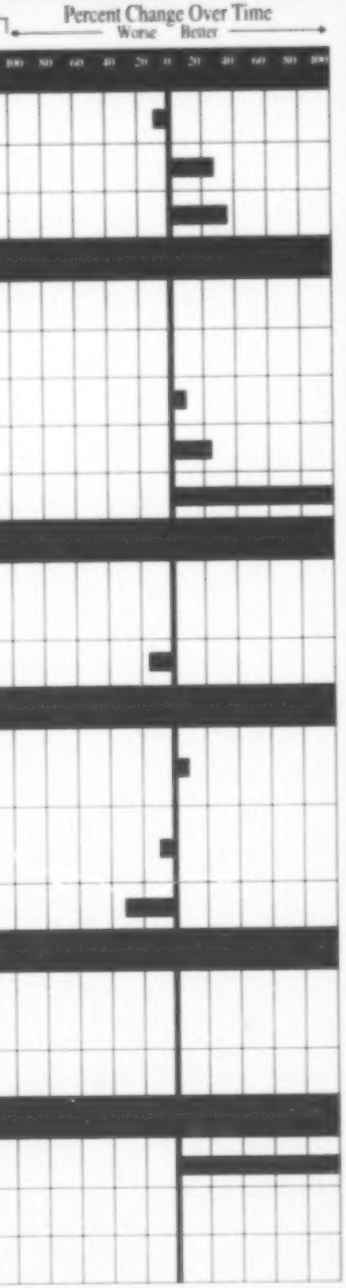
County Seat: Tribune



GREELEY COUNTY has a high percent of its population under age 18. The unemployment percent of 3.2 is lower than most of the other counties in the state. Because of its small population, rates for this county may vary to a greater extent than is found in more populous counties. It should be noted that migration activity cannot be measured in the high school graduation figure and the county would have to analyze why the graduation has fallen so dramatically. All physical health and safety indicators have improved and are some of the state's best.

GREELEY

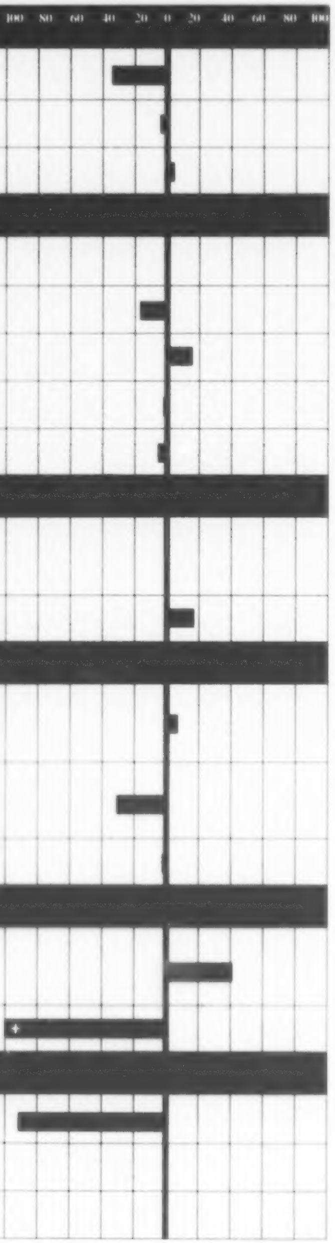
	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.2	2	9.5	7	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	25.2	66	18.1	2	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	7.7	27	5.0	1	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	129.8	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.6	19	90.5	3	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	53.5	20	66.7	3	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	2.6	0	.0	1	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	6	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	18.4	72	15.9	9	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	79.1	12	85.7	2	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	17.4	4	19.0	7	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	92.7	14	63.6	10	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	.0	0	.0	1	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.4	0	.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times	.	.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	.	.	.	22.6



GREENWOOD

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	10.5	12	14.1	9	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	29.4	406	30.3	9	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	24.0	470	23.4	9	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children		0			27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.0	1	11.8	7	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	73.3	72	84.7	6	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	40.5	31	40.3	9	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.7	6	7.1	8	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	0	40	0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	16.4	243	19.3	7	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	66.3	59	70.2	8	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.0	21	24.7	9	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	93.9	84	93.3	3	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	6.4	7	3.8	4	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	120.6	4	871.1	10	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.3	1	.5	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		66	21.5	2	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		38	12.5	2	22.6

Percent Change Over Time

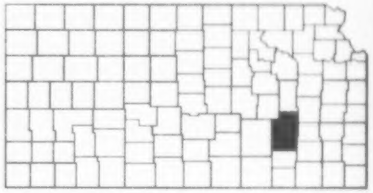


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,847	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.8%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.9%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,740	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.6%	5.3%

County Seat: Eureka



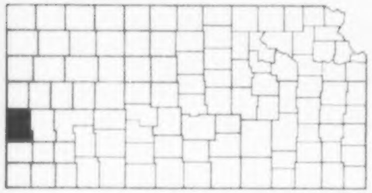
GREENWOOD COUNTY has a little less than one fourth of its population age 18 and under. There was a higher percent of births receiving early prenatal care than the previous year in the county. Also there was improvement in licensed child care availability for children under age 13. It is discouraging news for the county that the percent of births to single teens continues to climb. Greenwood County has one of the lowest immunization rates in the state.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,388	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	92.6%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	5.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$29,483	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.5%	5.3%

County Seat: Syracuse

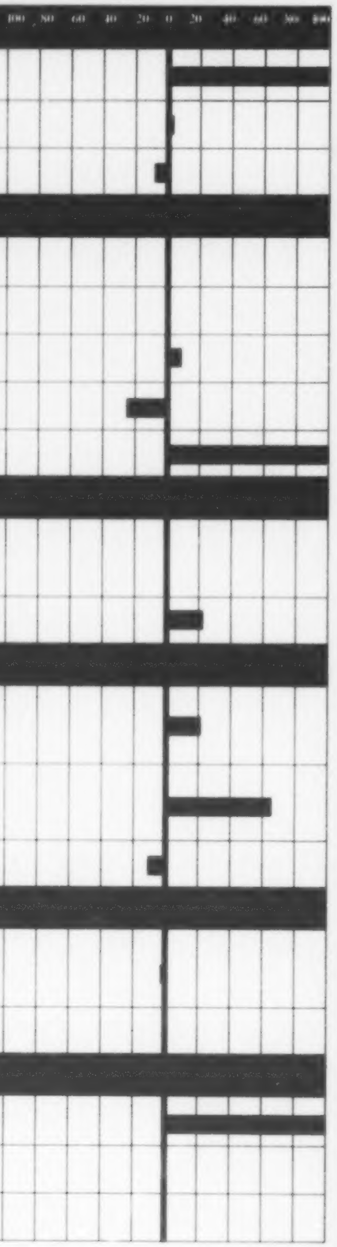


HAMILTON COUNTY has a very low unemployment rate of 2.5%. Good news for the county is the fact that there were no births to single teens. In addition, there were no low birth-weight babies in the current year. The percent of high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education is one of the best in the state. Of concern is the decline in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized. The lack of a Head Start program is also of concern for the well-being of younger children who would be eligible for the program.

HAMILTON

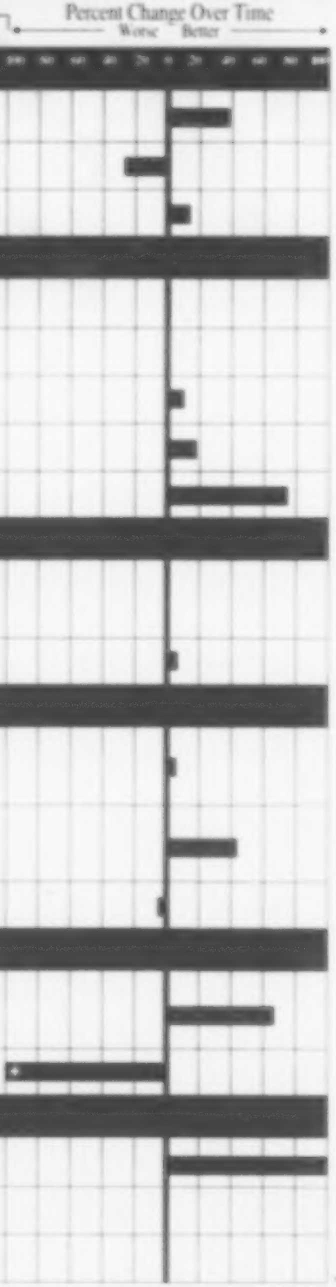
	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.0	0	.0	1	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	27.5	118	27.1	7	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	12.7	90	13.9	5	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	42.1	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	12.4	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	75.2	18	81.8	7	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	70.8	15	52.0	7	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.6	0	.0	1	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	13	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	18.8	102	22.8	4	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	73.5	25	89.3	1	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.1	1	4.5	1	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	89.0	28	80.0	8	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	8.1	5	8.2	8	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	140.5	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.6	0	.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	.	.	.	22.6

Percent Change Over Time



HARPER

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.0	2	3.0	2	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	23.5	383	29.9	8	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	19.6	316	17.1	7	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.5	0			27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.1	0			7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.6	58	87.9	4	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.0	59	75.0	1	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.0	1	1.5	1	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	0	23	0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	22.8	322	23.9	4	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post Secondary Education/Training	70.6	62	73.8	7	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	18.9	7	10.6	4	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	85.8	84	81.6	8	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	6.5	4	2.2	2	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	53.7	4	1214.5	10	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	18.4	0	0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		98	27.1	4	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		65	18.2	4	22.6

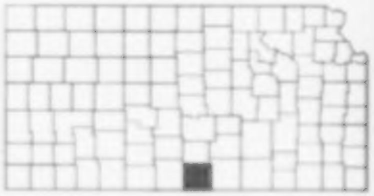


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,124	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.6%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,358	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.9%	5.3%

County Seat: Anthony



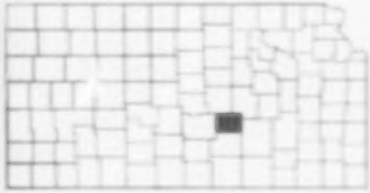
HARPER COUNTY made positive gains in many areas measuring child well being. More early prenatal care was given and fewer low birth weight babies were born. The percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 is one of the best. Out of home placements and juvenile arrests improved for the county youth also. Concerns are the lack of Head Start participation, the increase in the teen violent death rate, and the high percent of children approved for free school meals as an indicator of the large number of families struggling economically.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	31,028	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	91.9%	88.4%
Black	1.7%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.7%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	5.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,955	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.5%	5.3%

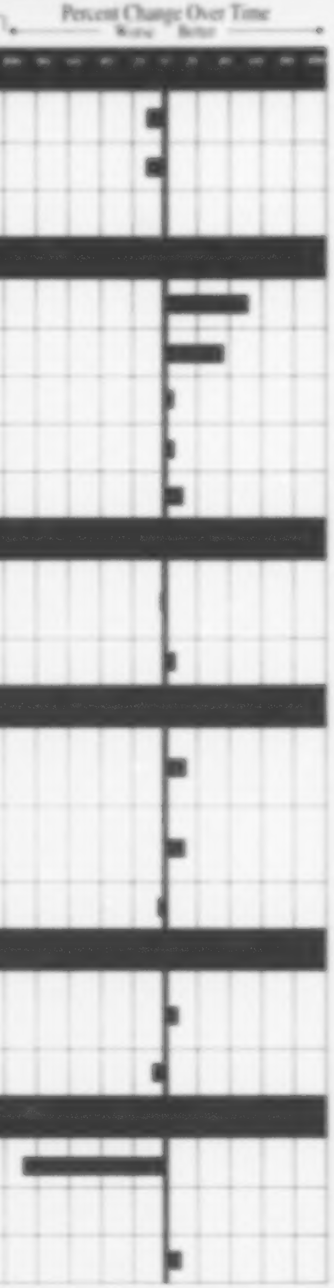
County Seat: Newton



HARVEY COUNTY has positive news on all physical health and safety indicators. The immunization rate is one of the best in the state. There are opportunities for all children age 13 and under to have licensed child care; the availability is higher than the state average. Of grave concern is the continued increase in the percent of all births to single teens. The juvenile arrest rate continues to increase also. Though the percent of youth trying drugs has declined, the county percent is still higher than the state figure.

HARVEY

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.8	23	6.4	4	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	21.1	1459	23.5	5	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	14.9	1211	14.9	6	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	30.5	1	14.9	2	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.2	3	8.4	5	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	81.0	301	83.8	6	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.3	265	67.3	2	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.6	18	5.0	5	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	52.1	96	51.3	4	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	24.5	1592	25.8	3	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	71.3	266	80.1	4	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.1	51	14.2	5	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	89.8	357	85.8	6	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	10.3	81	9.5	9	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	44.6	1	48.2	2	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	26.3	405	29.8	9	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		221	21.3	2	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	25.7	242	23.4	8	22.6



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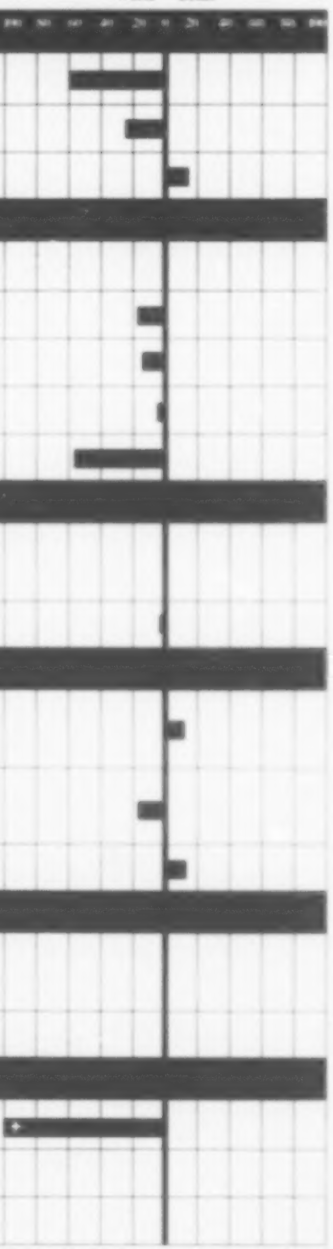
	County Base Rate	Current Year			
		Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.8	6	9.2	6	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	28.0	276	32.5	9	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	16.6	182	14.4	5	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	59.9	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	13.1	1	15.4	8	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	68.2	38	58.5	10	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	54.3	27	52.6	7	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.8	7	10.8	10	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	12	84.8	1	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	14.8	138	14.6	9	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post Secondary Education/Training	79.3	52	88.1	1	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	27.7	21	32.8	10	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	90.4	59	100.0	1	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	2.3	3	2.3	2	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	352.6	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.0	6	4.7	5	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times	.	.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	.	.	.	22.6

Percent Change Over Time



DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,886	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	32.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	85.0%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	14.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,632	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.6%	5.3%

County Seat: Sublette

HASKELL COUNTY, with a 32.6% population of youth under age 18, has a higher Hispanic population than the state average. The high school graduation rate is one of the best in the state, as is the percent of high school graduates pursuing a post-secondary education. The addition of a Head Start program is something for the county to celebrate also. The areas for the county to focus on would be the difference between the percent of children approved for free school meals and the percent of children receiving economic assistance. There may be children that are not receiving needed help. The declines in the area of physical health and safety should also be of concern.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

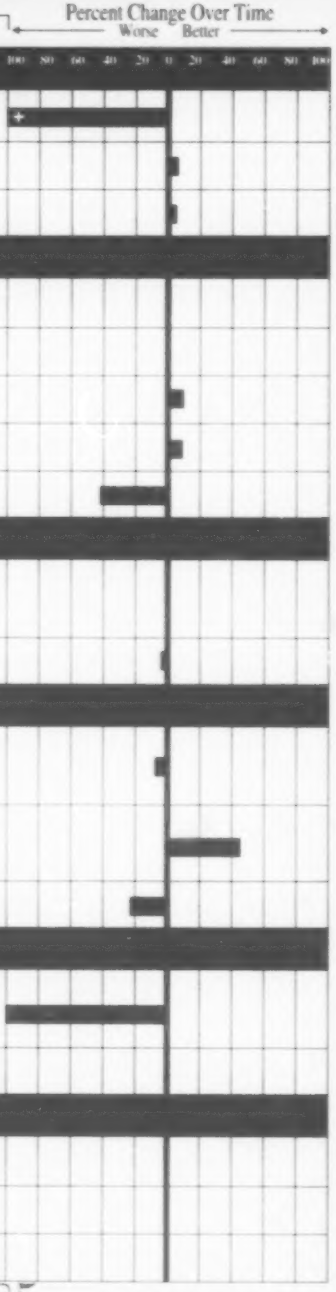
	County	State
Population Size	2,177	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.4%	88.4%
Black	1.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,246	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.0%	4.8%

County Seat: Jetmore

HODGEMAN COUNTY has a median family income below the state's median of $32,966. The progress made in the number of births receiving early prenatal care and percent of kindergartners fully immunized by age 2 are positive for the county's children. The percent of births to mothers with less than a high school degree has improved. The child care availability for children under age 13 is an area which has room for improvement. Although the high school graduation rate is quite low, it should be noted that due to the inability to measure migration, high school graduation rates may vary to a greater extent than is found in more populous counties.

HODGEMAN

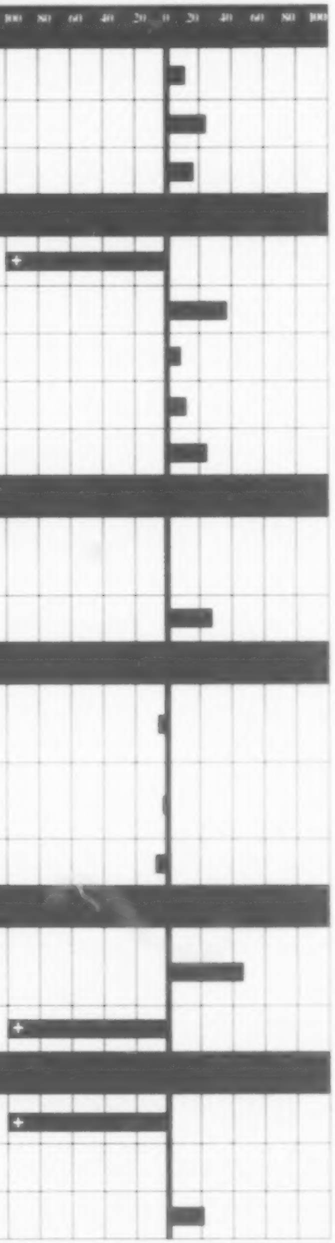
	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.9	3	12.5	9	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	21.2	92	20.2	3	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	8.1	47	7.8	2	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	78.8	0		-	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.4	0		-	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.8	22	91.7	2	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	60.5	18	65.2	3	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.9	2	8.3	9	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	0	9	0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	14.9	74	14.6	9	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	84.0	14	77.8	5	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.4	2	8.3	3	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	94.0	18	72.0	10	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	1.6	2	3.2	3	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19		1	1097.9	10	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.0	0	.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times					26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs					22.6



JACKSON

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.3	9	5.7	4	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	21.0	470	20.2	3	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	17.5	542	15.9	6	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	15.1	2	75.2	9	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.1	1	6.3	3	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	86.4	149	93.7	1	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	71.0	126	79.2	1	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.8	7	4.4	4	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	70.8	57	70.8	2	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	22.2	691	28.3	2	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	68.5	78	64.5	10	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	12.9	21	13.2	5	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	90.0	121	82.9	7	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	9.2	17	5.1	5	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	51.2	3	412.6	9	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.7	38	11.2	6	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		116	32.2	9	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	35.3	100	27.8	10	22.6

Percent Change Over Time

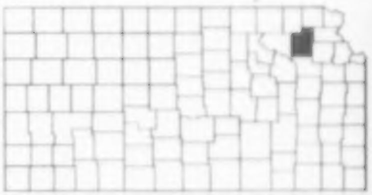


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	11,525	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	92.6%	88.4%
Black	0.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	5.9%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,572	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	6.1%	5.3%

County Seat: Holton



JACKSON COUNTY has an unemployment percent higher than the state unemployment rate of 5.3%. The percentage of births in the county receiving prenatal care and the immunization rates are some of the best in the state. To be noted is the fact that children approved for free school meals and children receiving economic assistance show a reduction for the second year even though the unemployment rate is high. The juvenile arrest rate has climbed in the county and the alcohol and drug usage rates are among the worst in the state. However, it should be noted that even though the percent of youth ever trying drugs is high, a decline has occurred over the base rate.

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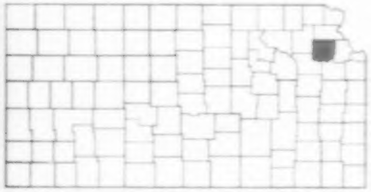
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	15,905	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.5%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$33,460	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.0%	5.3%

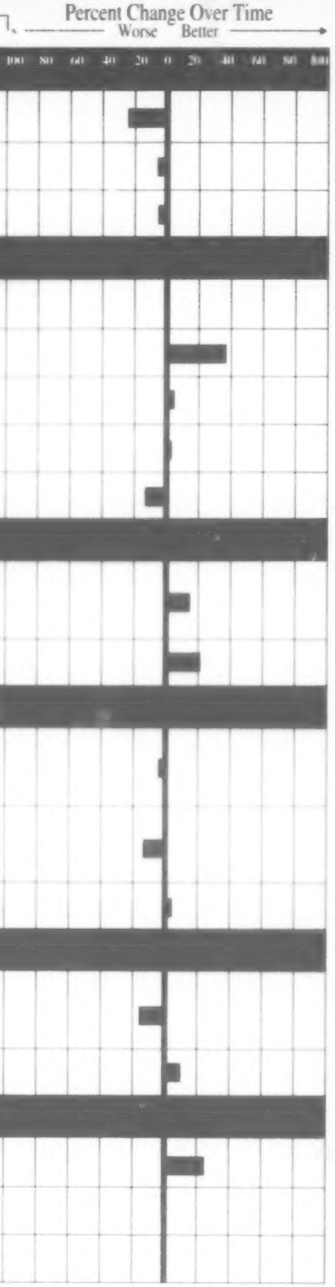
County Seat: Oskaloosa



JEFFERSON COUNTY has a higher median family income than the state average. Two significant strides have been made for the young children in the county, an increase in the Head Start participation and the licensed child care available for children under age 13. The percent of mothers getting early prenatal care is above the state average. Even though the economic well-being indicator rates are lower than the state average, all three indicators have worsened for the county.

JEFFERSON

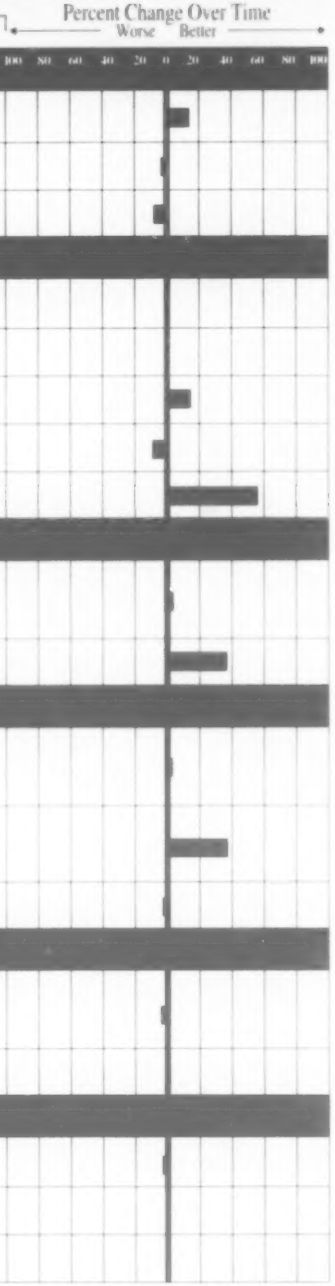
	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.1	12	6.3	4	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	16.6	769	17.5	2	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	13.0	609	13.7	4	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	22.6	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.4	1	5.2	3	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.9	167	87.4	4	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	65.5	190	66.5	3	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.5	14	7.3	8	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	48.4	61	55.6	4	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	19.9	797	23.9	4	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	66.2	145	63.9	10	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	10.7	23	12.0	4	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	90.4	227	93.0	4	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	4.2	22	4.9	5	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	118.9	1	108.3	4	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.5	41	9.2	6	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		31	24.2	3	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	25.2	.	.	.	22.6



Percent Change Over Time

JEWELL

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	2.9	1	2.5	1	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	27.7	196	28.2	7	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	10.1	126	10.9	3	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	74.6	0	..	..	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	17.2	0	..	..	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	81.6	37	92.5	1	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	77.8	33	71.1	2	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.7	1	2.5	2	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	135.8	13	138.0	1	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	10.5	100	14.4	9	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	80.3	31	81.6	3	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	12.4	3	7.7	2	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	98.1	38	97.4	2	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	2.1	2	2.2	2	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	93.7	0	..	..	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.3	14	12.4	6	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		47	23.2	3	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	..		..	..	22.6

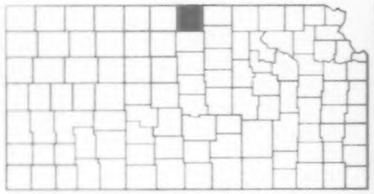


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,251	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.4%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$21,875	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.8%	5.3%

County Seat: Mankato



JEWELL COUNTY has almost 24% of its population under age 18. The county has indicators which are in the top 10% of all counties: births to single teens, early prenatal care, and Head Start participation. The county is strong in many other indicators also, performing better than the state figures. There was an increase in available licensed day care, however, there is still a need for additional slots.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

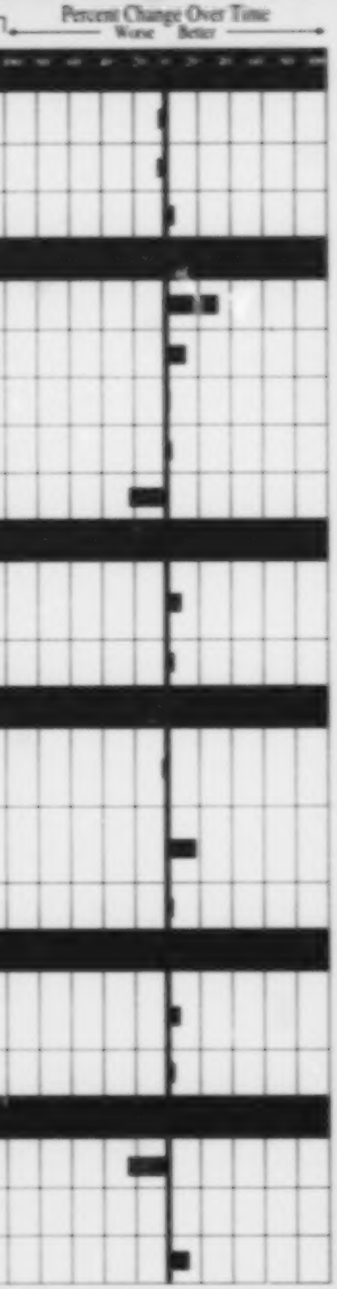
	County	State
Population Size	355,054	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.1%	88.4%
Black	1.9%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.6%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$50,348	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.3%	5.3%

County Seat: Olathe

JOHNSON COUNTY has one of the lowest unemployment rates and one of the highest median family incomes in the state. This could account for the low rates of children approved for free school meals and children receiving economic assistance. The county also is top in the state with early prenatal care and child care availability. An area to focus on for the county are the Social Behavior and Social Control indicators; the juvenile arrests continue to climb and the reported drug and alcohol usage by youth is well above the rest of the state.

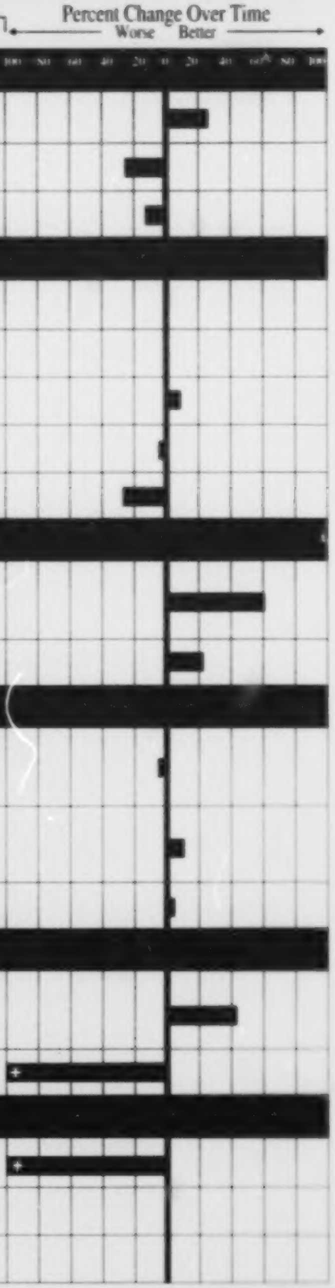
JOHNSON

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.2	193	3.3	2	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	6.1	4412	6.2	1	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	5.9	4881	5.6	1	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	20.7	12	14.3	1	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.7	28	4.8	2	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	92.4	5375	93.3	1	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	67.5	3367	68.5	2	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.9	349	6.0	6	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	40.8	516	44.0	5	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	32.5	27782	33.6	1	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	82.3	3088	81.5	3	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	5.7	267	4.7	1	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	87.4	3790	88.9	5	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	2.5	256	2.4	2	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	38.2	8	37.1	2	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	36.4	4030	45.7	9	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		190	36.6	10	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	37.8	166	31.9	10	22.6



KEARNY

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.4	4	6.3	4	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	25.6	385	32.1	9	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	17.3	243	19.4	8	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	17.7	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	11.2	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	68.3	48	75.0	9	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	64.3	66	61.8	4	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.1	5	7.8	9	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	25.2	37	40.6	6	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	16.2	220	19.9	7	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	73.2	49	71.0	8	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	35.5	20	31.7	10	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	90.4	69	93.2	3	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	9.5	8	5.4	5	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	135.8	3	1043.2	10	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	21.3	63	49.6	9	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	20.6	.	.	.	22.6

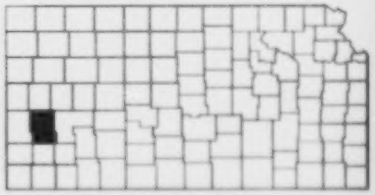


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,027	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	33.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	82.5%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	16.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,077	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.6%	5.3%

County Seat: Lakin



KEARNY COUNTY has a high population of youth under age 18. Good news are the gains experienced in licensed child care and the increase in high school graduation rates. The county needs to stay focused on continued improvement in the births to mothers with less than a high school degree. The juvenile arrest rate is one of the worst in the state. The teen violent death rate climbed significantly in the current year, and should be looked at also.

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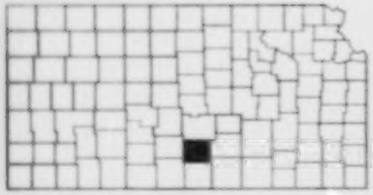
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	8,292	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.6%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,491	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.5%	5.3%

County Seat: Kingman

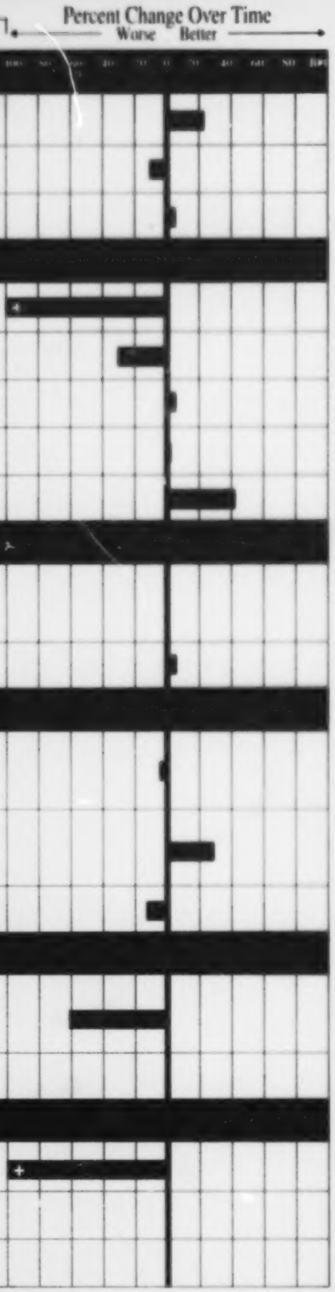


KINGMAN COUNTY

Kingman County has a $27,491 median family income, a lower figure than the state's figure. For the second year in a row, the percent of low birth-weight babies declined and early prenatal care increased. The single teen birth rate improved for Kingman, which is good news. The childhood death rate is of concern and should be looked at more closely to determine causes. The use of alcohol by the youth of Kingman is of grave concern, being well above the state's figure.

KINGMAN

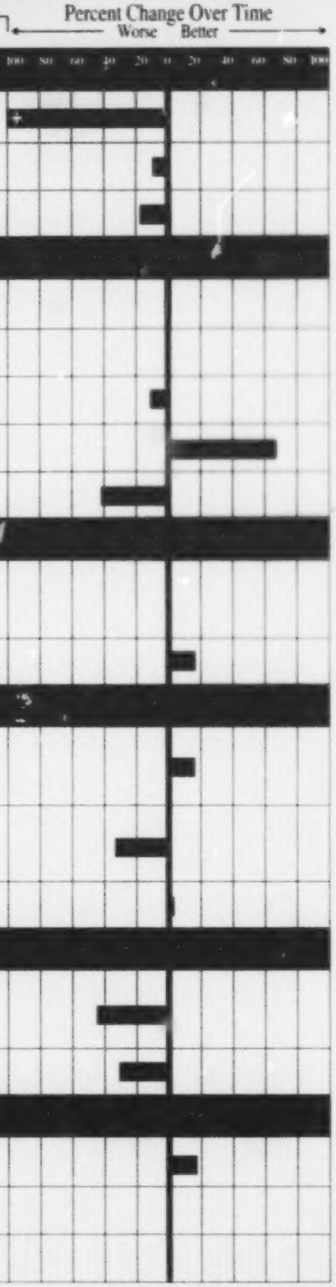
	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.6	4	5.1	3	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	21.5	429	23.6	5	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	15.0	340	14.5	5	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	21.9	3	163.3	10	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.7	1	12.7	7	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.0	69	87.3	4	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	62.3	58	63.2	4	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.6	3	3.8	3	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	44	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	12.6	220	13.1	10	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	77.3	69	75.0	6	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	12.6	7	8.9	3	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	91.0	92	80.0	8	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	4.3	16	6.9	7	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	193.4	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.3	6	2.6	4	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		134	39.5	10	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	60	17.6	4	22.6



KIOWA

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.0	4	8.3	6	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	23.2	169	25.0	6	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	12.0	140	14.2	5	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	.	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	13.3	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	88.5	38	79.2	8	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	53.5	47	89.5	1	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.4	3	6.3	7	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	19	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	33.8	250	39.5	1	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	77.7	46	90.2	1	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.6	10	20.8	8	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	93.3	51	94.4	3	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	9.3	13	13.6	10	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	306.5	1	401.8	9	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.9	4	4.1	4	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		0	.0	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	0	.0	.	22.6

Percent Change Over Time

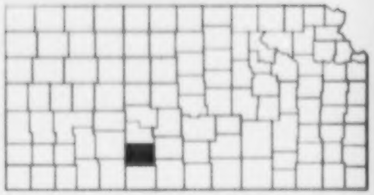


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,660	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.9%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,099	$32,966
Unemployment (1990 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.3%	5.3%

County Seat: Greensburg



KIOWA COUNTY has one of the lower unemployment figures in the state. The county also has one of the best immunization rates. Child care availability is well above the state average. Graduation rates and post graduation rates are areas Kiowa County residents can be proud of also. The continued decline of all the economic well-being indicators should be noted. The decline in early prenatal care should be looked at in relation to the increase of low birth-weight babies.

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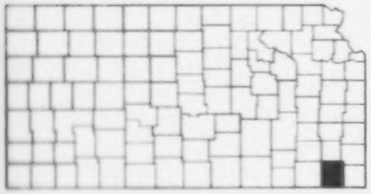
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	23,693	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	91.4%	88.4%
Black	4.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,919	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	8.2%	5.3%

County Seat: Oswego



LABETTE COUNTY has one of the states highest unemployment figures at 8.2%. The juvenile arrest rate improved significantly over the base years. The increase in the percent of births receiving early prenatal care and the decline in the rate of low birth-weight babies are good news for Labette County. An area of concern is the 38.5% immunization rate, one of the worst in the state. The percent of mothers without a high school degree is well above the rest of the state. The economic well-being of the children living in Labette County is one of the lowest in the state.

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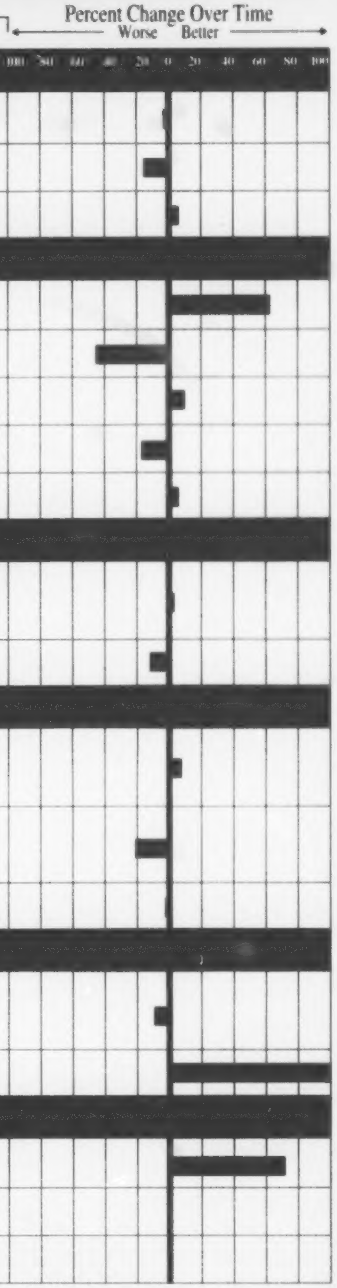
LABETTE

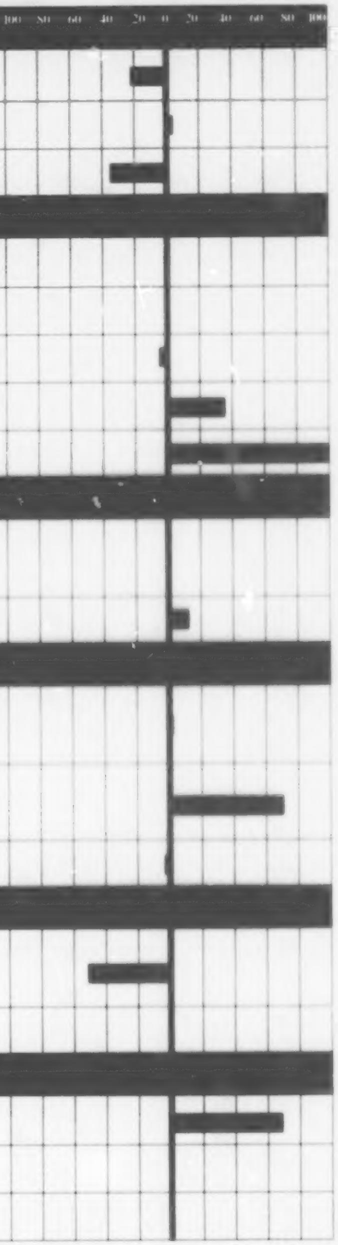
	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	10.9	34	11.1	8	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	25.8	1387	29.8	8	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	24.7	1585	23.3	9	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	56.5	1	20.8	3	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	4.4	2	6.5	3	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.9	264	86.0	5	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	46.5	126	38.5	10	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.8	20	6.5	7	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	63.3	140	64.5	2	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	26.7	1033	23.5	4	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	72.4	203	77.5	5	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	24.2	89	29.2	10	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	81.5	262	80.9	8	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	7.9	53	8.7	9	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	70.5	0	.0	1	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	26.9	52	7.8	5	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		191	25.9	4	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		129	17.6	4	22.6



LANE

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.5	1	4.3	2	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	16.7	87	16.2	1	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	9.9	91	13.4	4	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	37.9	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.1	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	81.6	18	78.3	8	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	49.0	23	66.7	3	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.4	0	.0	1	6.5
EARLY/CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	9	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	17.9	99	20.1	6	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	82.3	29	82.9	2	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.9	1	4.3	1	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	87.1	35	85.4	6	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	3.1	3	4.6	5	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	4.9	1	1.5	4	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	.	.	.	22.6

Percent Change Over Time

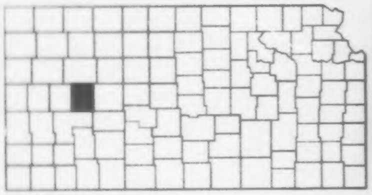


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,375	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.9%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,506	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.8%	5.3%

County Seat: Dighton



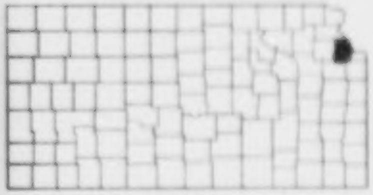
LANE COUNTY has a low unemployment percent of 2.8%. There were no low birth-weight babies in the county for the current year. The immunization rates continue improving for Lane County and are higher than the state average. Though licensed child care availability improved, the county may want to assess the need for additional slots.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	64,371	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	83.8%	88.4%
Black	10.7%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	3.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$36,820	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	5.3%	5.3%

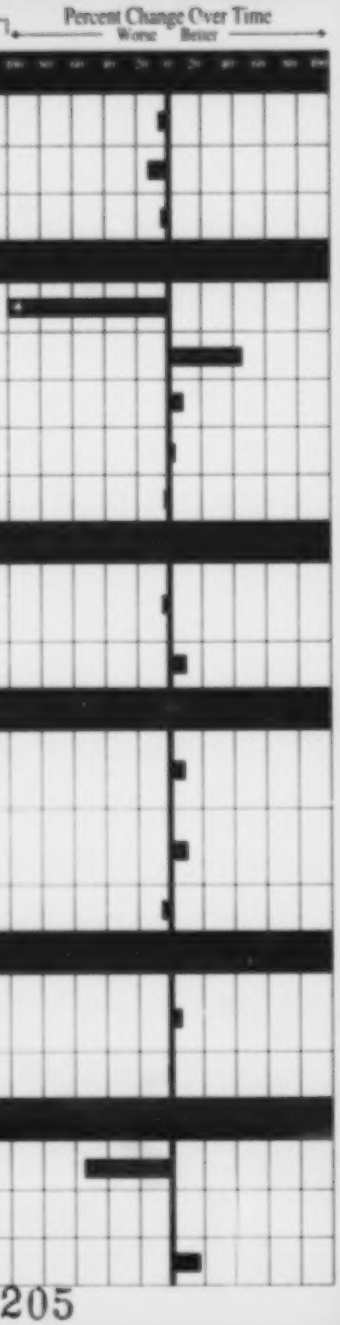
County Seat: Leavenworth



LEAVENWORTH COUNTY has a higher median family income than the majority of other counties. Good news for the county is the continued increase in the immunization rates and in the percent of early prenatal care. Lack of licensed child care for children age 13 and under is an issue for the county. The juvenile arrest rate climbed for the youth under age 18. Even though the youth reporting using drugs has declined over the base, usage is still higher than the state average.

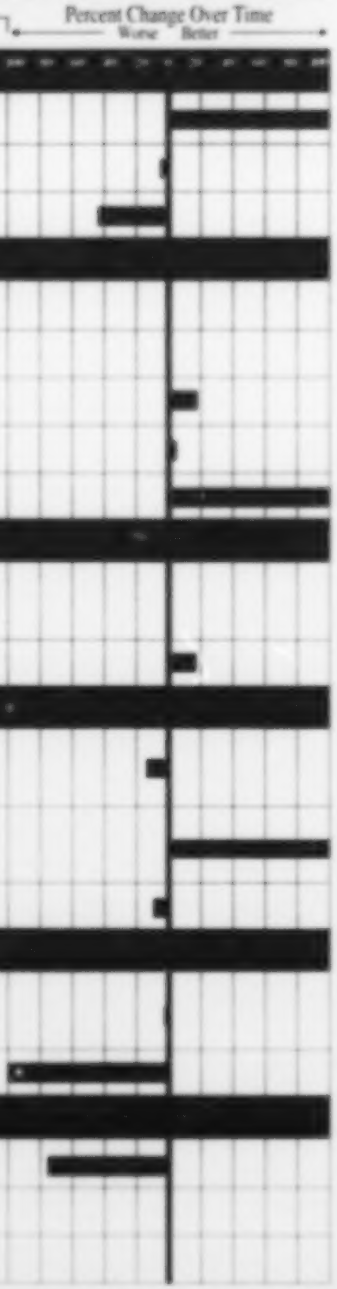
LEAVENWORTH

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.3	81	8.9	6	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	13.7	2004	15.5	1	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	14.8	2552	15.4	6	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	17.1	6	41.2	6	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.0	5	5.5	3	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.3	837	91.6	2	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	64.8	570	66.1	3	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.5	60	6.6	7	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	39.2	244	37.7	6	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	13.1	1957	14.3	9	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	66.2	457	71.4	8	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.2	117	12.8	5	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	87.6	640	82.4	7	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	5.3	93	5.0	5	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	105.2	4	105.7	4	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.0	287	17.2	7	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		227	26.4	4	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	29.9	210	24.4	8	22.6



LINCOLN

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.8	0	.0	1	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	18.2	116	19.0	2	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	7.8	102	11.1	3	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	58.0	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.3	27	100.0	1	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	76.5	29	78.8	1	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.4	0	.0	1	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	21	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	20.1	142	23.5	4	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	76.0	33	66.0	9	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.7	0	.0	1	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	91.5	50	83.3	7	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	5.7	5	5.8	6	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	191.9	1	522.6	9	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	18.1	29	32.0	8	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times					26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs			.		22.6

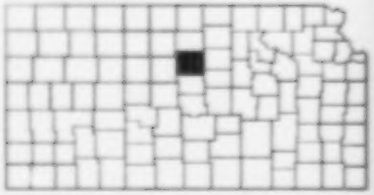


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,653	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.2%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,223	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.7%	5.3%

County Seat: Lincoln



LINCOLN COUNTY

Lincoln County has a median family income lower than the state average. Much good news can be celebrated in the county for the youth. The county had no births to single teens, no births to mothers without a high school diploma, and no low birth-weight babies. All births in the county had early prenatal care. The immunization rates are among the best in the state. Concerns are the increases in the juvenile arrest rate for older teens and the lack of a Head Start program for the younger children of the county.

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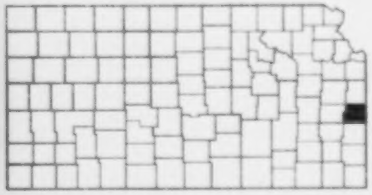
DEMOGRAPHICS
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	8,254	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.5%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,692	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	10.0%	5.3%

County Seat: Mound City



LINN COUNTY has an extremely high unemployment figure compared to the rest of the state. Prenatal care continues to improve in the county figures for the critical first trimester of pregnancy. The graduation rate improved for high schools and is one of the highest in the state. Discouraging news is the increase in the percent of births to single teens. Also an area of concern is the decline in the percent of kindergartners fully immunized, one of the lowest rates in the state.

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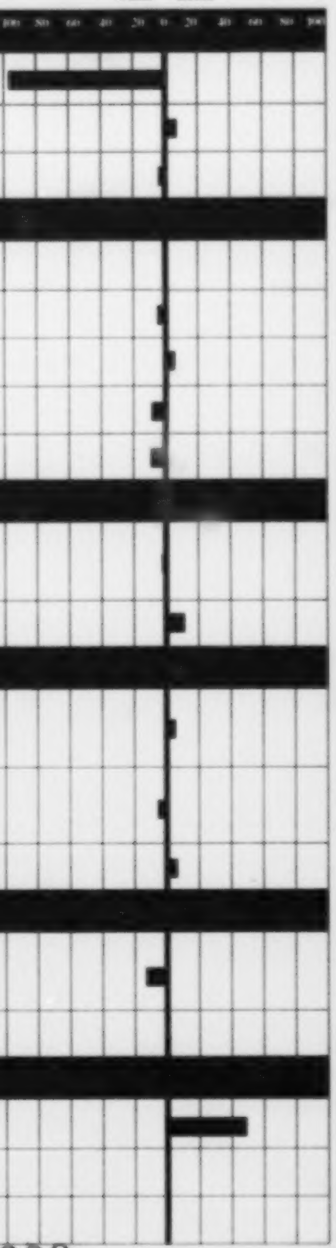
LINN

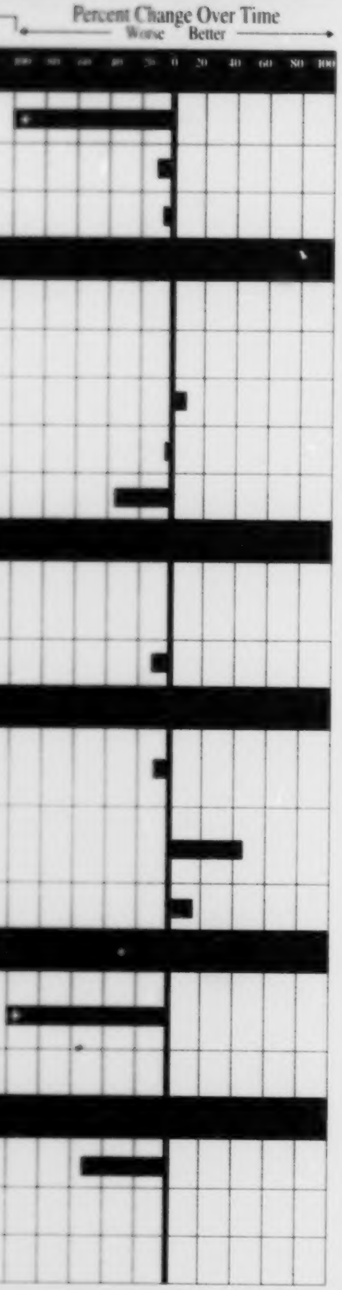
	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.6	18	17.0	10	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	28.6	522	26.8	6	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	19.9	431	20.1	8	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	47.5	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.0	1	9.4	6	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	72.6	80	75.5	9	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	46.5	55	42.7	9	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.2	6	5.7	6	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	27.0	37	26.8	7	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	9.5	162	10.6	10	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	66.1	92	68.7	9	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.4	17	16.0	7	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	88.5	134	93.1	3	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	3.7	9	4.2	4	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	76.8	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.4	9	4.2	4	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		53	21.7	2	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	58	23.7	8	22.6

Percent Change Over Time



LOGAN

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.3	3	8.8	6	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	24.9	210	27.2	7	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	9.0	85	9.5	2	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	61.8	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.4	31	91.2	2	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	51.0	18	50.0	8	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.5	3	8.8	10	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	14	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	23.3	118	20.7	5	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	78.8	43	71.7	8	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	10.9	2	5.9	1	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	94.9	60	100.0	1	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	1.3	3	3.9	4	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	14.9	20	22.8	8	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		55	43.7	10	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	32	25.4	9	22.6

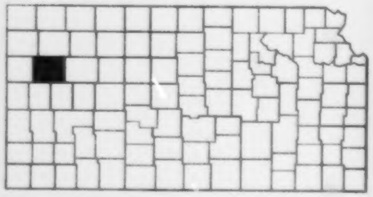


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,081	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.5%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,731	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.3%	5.3%

County Seat: Oakley



LOGAN COUNTY has a small, homogeneous population. Located in northwest Kansas, Logan County can be proud of its perfect 100% rate of graduating students from high school on time. The percent of births with early prenatal care is also very high. It is encouraging that the rate of births to mothers with less than a high school degree dropped significantly and is one of the best rates in the state. Areas of concern in Logan County include the percent of youths using alcohol and other drugs, both of which are higher than the state rate. The percent of those using alcohol is alarming. Logan County residents should also be concerned that while 17% of the children in the county live in poverty, only 9.5% receive economic assistance.

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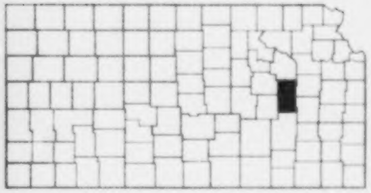
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	34,732	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	89.4%	88.4%
Black	2.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.8%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	6.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,262	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.5%	5.3%

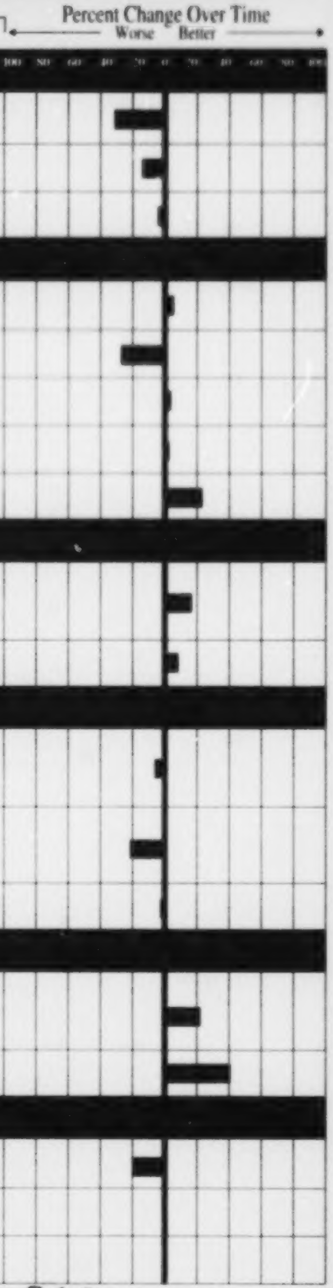
County Seat: Emporia



LYON COUNTY, whose county seat is Emporia, has a population of over 34,000. Of the 18 indicators of child well-being, Lyon County scored better than the state in 7 categories and worse than the state in 11 categories. The county can celebrate that the teen violent death rate declined by over 40%. There was only one teen violent death in Lyon County in 1994. The low percent of youth who have ever used drugs (17%) is encouraging. Especially troubling is the percent of births to mothers without a high school degree. For 1994, over 27% of all births in Lyon County were to mothers without a high school degree. In addition, the percent of high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education and training fell to only 57% compared to the state level of nearly 75%.

LYON

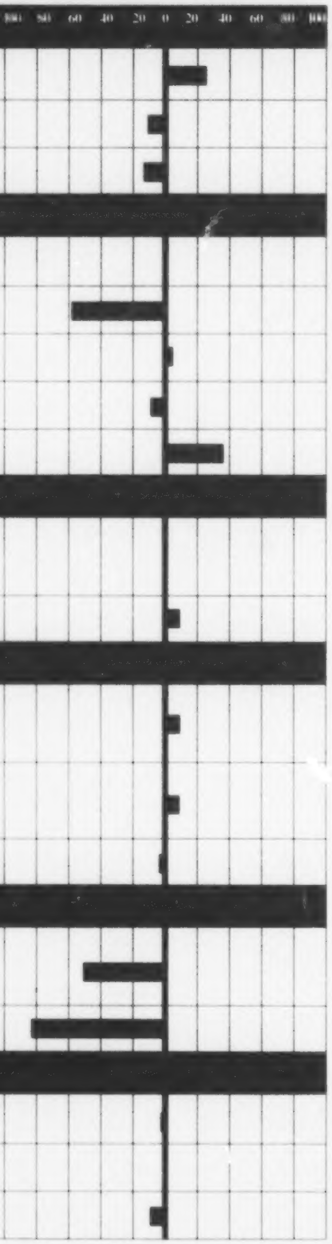
	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.2	52	10.8	8	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	24.3	1811	27.5	7	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	19.9	1847	20.4	8	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	26.0	2	25.1	3	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.5	4	8.3	5	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	75.5	372	77.5	9	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	51.3	232	52.2	7	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.7	21	4.4	4	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	35.9	190	42.0	5	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	17.5	1401	19.0	7	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	60.2	207	56.9	10	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	22.4	124	27.1	9	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	79.8	364	79.6	9	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	7.2	56	5.6	6	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	62.9	1	37.2	2	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	23.5	257	28.2	8	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		118	28.8	6	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	70	17.2	3	22.6



MARION

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.4	5	3.3	2	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	18.4	511	20.3	3	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	10.8	378	12.3	4	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	50.1	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	4.1	1	6.6	4	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.6	131	86.2	5	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	61.8	120	56.3	6	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.6	5	3.3	2	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	55	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	23.1	571	25.0	3	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	69.7	106	75.2	6	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.7	19	12.6	4	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	92.6	141	91.0	4	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	5.2	24	7.8	8	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	73.0	1	134.1	4	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.6	39	12.7	6	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		74	18.1	1	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	13.9	62	15.1	2	22.6

Percent Change Over Time

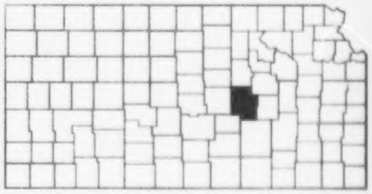


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	12,888	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.9%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,127	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.3%	5.3%

County Seat: Marion



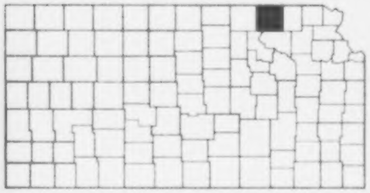
MARION COUNTY, located in central Kansas, has much of which to be proud with regard to Kids Count indicators. Children in Marion County are faring reasonably well. Rates of births to single teens, youths using alcohol or other drugs and low birth-weight babies all compare very favorably with other counties in the state. Two areas of concern might be highlighted. First, the county has no Head Start program although 55 children are eligible for it. Second, the immunization rate declined nearly 9% to below the state average.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	11,705	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.1%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,249	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.3%	5.3%

County Seat: Marysville



MARSHALL COUNTY, located in northeast Kansas along the Nebraska border, can be proud of its percent of low birth-weight babies which scored in the top 10% of all counties. The graduation rate is also quite high at nearly 96%. Citizens in Marshall County may be concerned about the availability of child care which is well below the state average. Also troubling is that nearly half of all surveyed children reported using alcohol more than 10 times.

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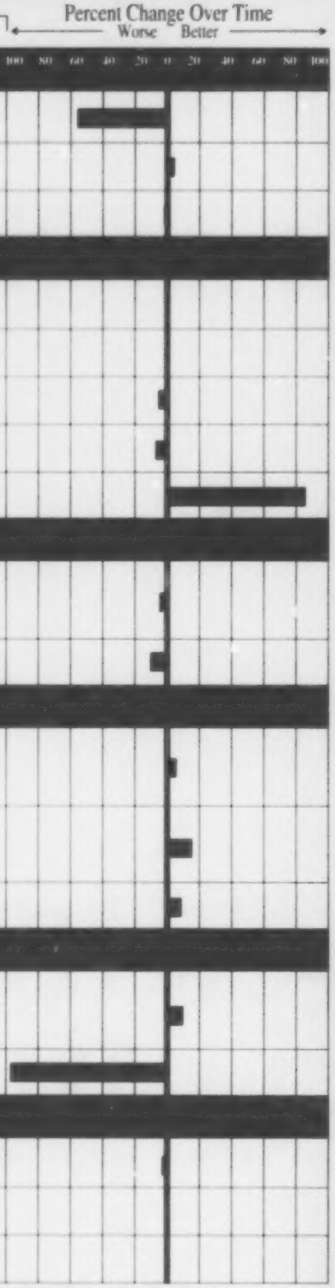
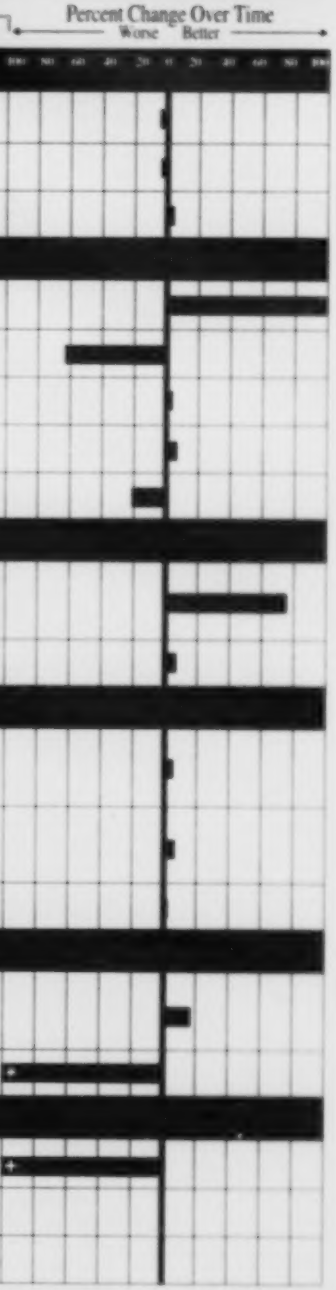
MARSHALL

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.6	6	5.7	4	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	20.5	575	20.1	3	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	11.8	369	11.9	3	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	23.2	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	6.3	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	80.4	81	76.4	9	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	59.0	103	55.4	6	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.4	1	.9	1	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	31.4	65	30.6	6	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	10.0	227	9.0	10	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	74.2	133	77.3	5	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	12.4	11	10.4	3	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	88.9	172	95.6	2	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	3.2	9	2.9	3	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	101.1	1	200.5	6	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.4	39	12.5	6	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		32	49.2	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	.	.	.	22.6



McPHERSON

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.4	14	4.6	2	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	13.2	721	13.5	1	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	11.0	742	10.7	3	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.3	0	.0	1	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.0	5	16.3	9	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.7	262	85.6	5	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	68.0	248	71.8	1	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.9	18	5.9	6	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	31.5	108	55.4	4	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	19.8	1197	20.9	5	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	76.4	244	79.2	4	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.3	44	14.4	6	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	87.1	308	87.5	6	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	5.3	33	4.4	5	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	32.7	2	120.5	4	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	14.1	211	30.3	8	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		103	21.1	2	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		91	18.7	4	22.6

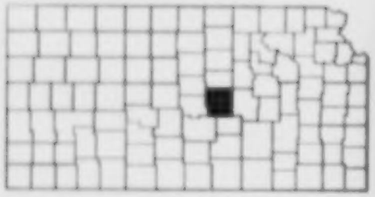


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	27,268	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.2%	88.4%
Black	0.7%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,482	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.5%	5.3%

County Seat: McPherson



MCPHERSON COUNTY has a population of over 27,000 and a median family income very near the state average. Economic indicators for children and families are positive. The rate of births to single teens is low and less than 10% of the children live in poverty. The immunization rate has climbed to nearly 72%, one of the best in the state. McPherson County can also be proud of the 76% increase in Head Start slots for young children. One area of concern is the major increase in the juvenile arrest rate which jumped about 115%. However, the rate is still below the state average.

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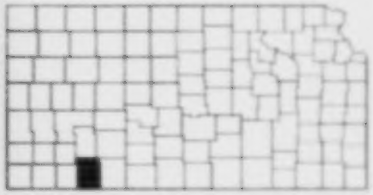
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,247	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.7%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,857	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	3.0%	5.3%

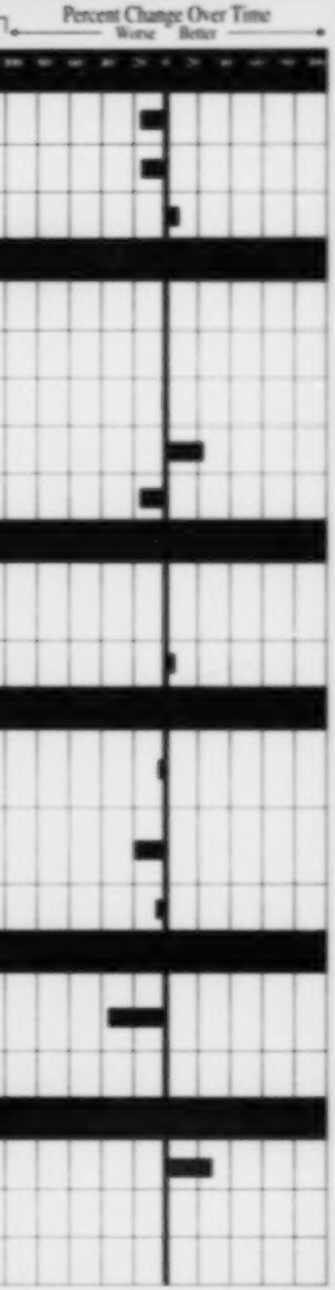
County Seat: Meade



MEADE COUNTY is located in southwest Kansas on the Oklahoma border. Its population is just over 4,200. Because of Meade County's small population, it is necessary to be careful in analyzing this data. The residents of Meade County can be proud of their improving immunization rate which is now at nearly 61%. In addition, births to single teens are infrequent, and there were no childhood deaths or teen violent deaths in Meade County in 1994. It is a concern that one in five births in Meade County is to a mother without a high school degree. In addition, while 14% of children in Meade County live in poverty only 7% receive economic assistance.

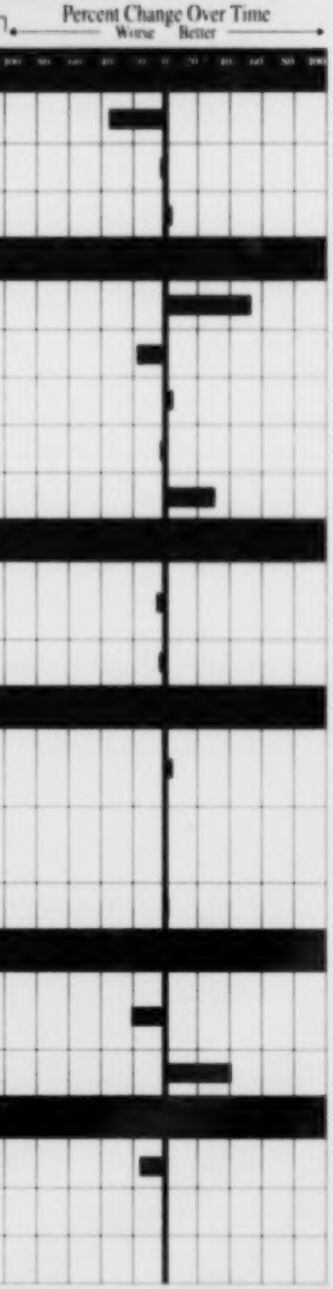
MEADE

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.6	4	5.3	4	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	19.4	131	22.4	4	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	7.7	87	7.1	1	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	43.7	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	1	13.3	8	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.9	58	78.4	8	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	49.5	23	60.9	5	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.6	4	5.3	5	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	20	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	18.7	158	19.6	7	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	80.0	32	78.0	5	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.9	15	20.3	8	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	93.6	41	89.1	5	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	5.2	8	7.1	7	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.3	2	1.6	4	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		.	.	.	22.6



MIAMI

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.8	25	7.9	6	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	20.1	933	20.4	3	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	14.8	922	14.4	5	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	37.4	1	17.4	2	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.0	3	9.5	6	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.1	276	87.3	4	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	48.5	151	47.7	9	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.4	14	4.4	4	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	43.5	97	41.4	6	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	20.5	1003	20.0	6	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	67.1	170	68.8	9	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	12.7	40	12.7	4	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	84.0	247	84.6	6	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	4.4	24	3.5	3	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	110.8	1	65.2	2	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	18.4	138	21.5	7	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		119	29.4	7	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		84	20.9	6	22.6

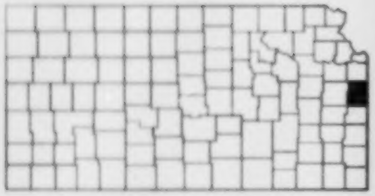


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	23,466	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.7%	88.4%
Black	2.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$34,424	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.9%	5.3%

County Seat: Paola



MIAMI COUNTY is located on the Missouri border just south of Kansas City. The county is doing a good job in the provision of early prenatal care and in producing a small number of low birth-weight babies. Miami County's rates are better than the state's for these two indicators. The out-of-home placement rate in the county is also quite low. The percent of births to single teens grew by 36% but is still below the state rate. Of special concern is the immunization rate which fell to nearly 10 points below the state rate. Nearly 30% of youth surveyed have used alcohol more than 10 times.

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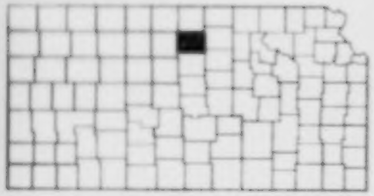
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,203	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.6%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,502	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	2.8%	5.3%

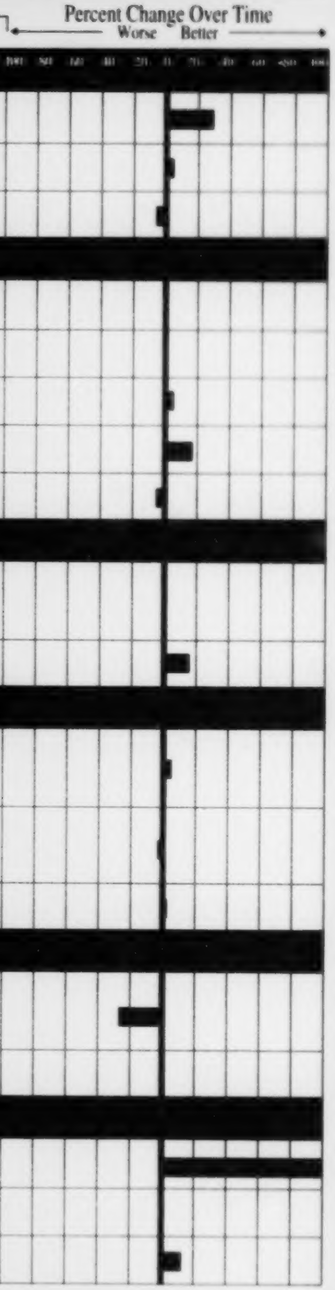
County Seat: Beloit



MITCHELL COUNTY, in north central Kansas, can boast of a reduction of 17% in the unemployment rate for 1994 which stands at 2.8%. Many indicators of child well-being in Mitchell County are positive. Physical health and safety indicators show excellent progress. There were no deaths of infants or children ages 1-14 in 1994. Nearly 93% of births had early prenatal care. The immunization rate improved by 18%. The graduation rate of 96% is also a reason for pride. One concern in Mitchell County is the percent of youth having used alcohol more than 10 times which was reported to be 36%, 10 points above the state rate.

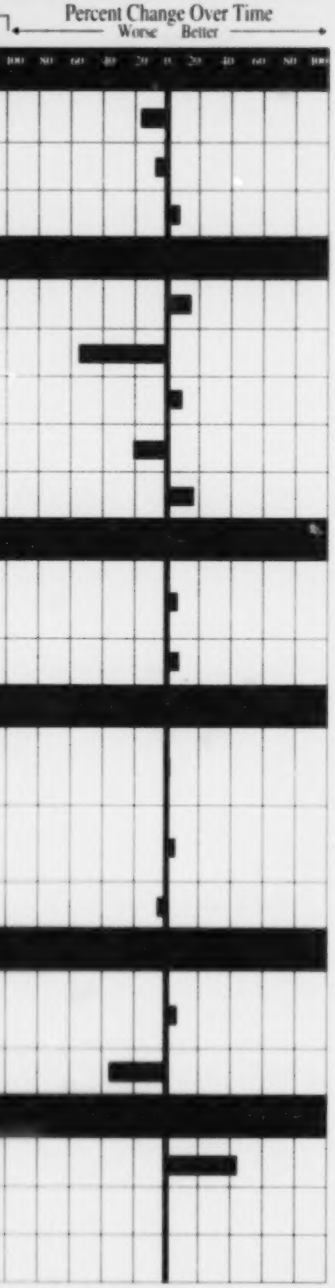
MITCHELL

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.1	2	2.9	2	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.8	412	22.0	4	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	8.2	181	8.8	2	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.6	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	2.4	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	88.8	64	92.8	1	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	52.8	65	62.4	4	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.1	3	4.3	4	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	25	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	24.3	347	28.0	2	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	74.7	71	77.2	5	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	8.6	6	8.7	3	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	95.6	92	95.8	2	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	4.2	10	5.4	6	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	35.2	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.7	0	.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		122	36.4	10	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	20.4	60	18.0	4	22.6



MONTGOMERY

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	12.3	63	14.5	10	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	27.9	2099	30.2	9	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	25.5	2517	23.5	9	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	30.3	2	25.8	4	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.9	6	13.8	8	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.7	377	87.1	4	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	43.8	151	34.8	10	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.2	26	6.0	6	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	41.1	310	43.8	5	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	19.0	1449	20.4	6	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	68.8	245	69.0	9	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	25.8	106	24.5	9	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	73.8	355	70.2	10	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	8.0	74	7.5	7	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	59.5	2	81.1	3	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	37.2	222	21.0	7	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		227	28.6	6	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		182	23.0	7	22.6

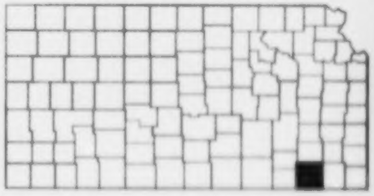


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	38,816	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	89.2%	88.4%
Black	6.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	2.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,063	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.5%	5.3%

County Seat: Independence



MONTGOMERY COUNTY, located in southeast Kansas, experienced a 22% increase in its unemployment rate. For 1994, the unemployment rate was 6.5%, which is higher than most other counties. Of the eighteen indicators of child well-being, Montgomery County's rates are better than the state's rate for 6 indicators and worse than the state's rate for 12 indicators. One positive development is the 44% decline in the juvenile arrest rate. Of concern is an increasingly higher rate of births to single teens and an immunization rate that has dropped to 35%.

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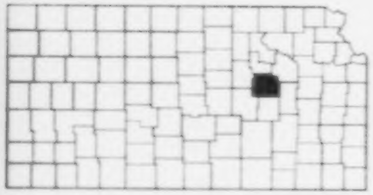
MORRIS

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

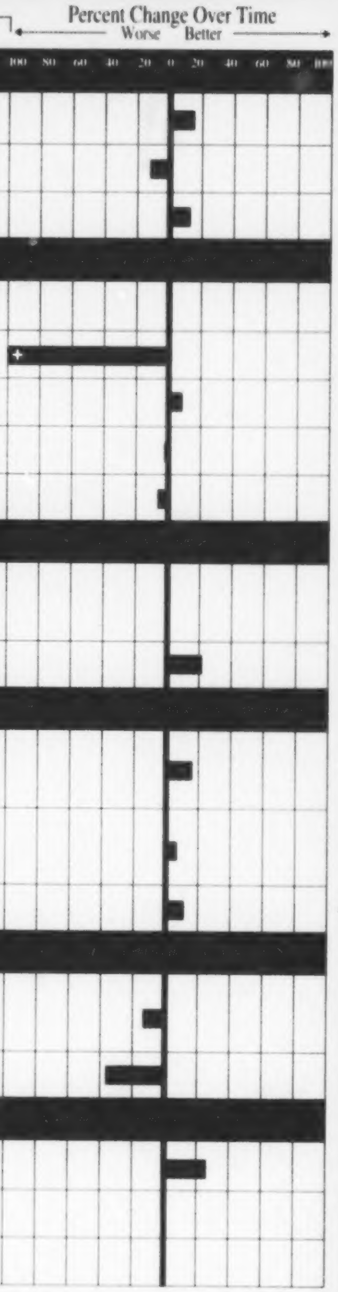
	County	State
Population Size	6,198	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.6%	88.4%
Black	0.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,437	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.5%	5.3%

County Seat: Council Grove



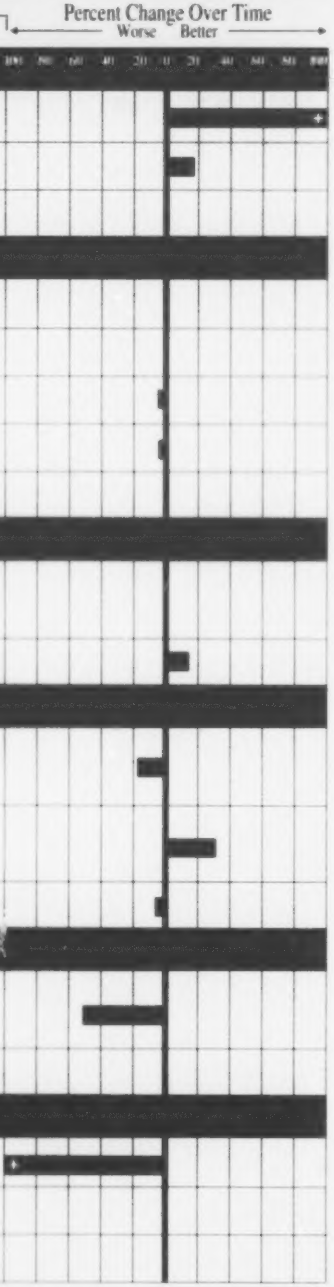
MORRIS COUNTY has a small, homogeneous population. There are some very positive trends developing for children in Morris County. The percent of births to single teens went down by 14%, and the graduation rate rose 11%. In 1994 Morris County had a 97% graduation rate. The child care availability rate has increased 21% over the base years. In addition, the juvenile arrest rate was reduced by 26%. Concerns include the lack of a Head Start program and the rate of youth who report having used alcohol more than 10 times which exceeds 30%.

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.7	4	4.9	3	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	25.1	323	28.0	7	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	21.7	302	19.1	8	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	80.3	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.2	1	12.2	7	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	80.6	72	87.8	4	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	60.0	59	59.8	5	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.5	5	6.1	6	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	34	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	15.9	224	19.3	7	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	62.2	50	71.4	8	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	18.1	14	17.1	7	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	87.8	70	97.2	2	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	10.0	18	11.3	9	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	219.5	1	301.1	8	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	38.3	45	28.5	8	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		90	31.0	8	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	66	22.8	7	22.6



MORTON

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.1	6	11.5	8	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.8	203	26.9	6	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	13.8	149	13.8	4	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	23.6	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	4.7	0	.		7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	65.7	33	63.5	10	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	50.3	25	48.7	8	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	1.9	1	1.9	1	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	23	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	17.8	150	20.3	6	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post Secondary Education/Training	71.3	29	58.0	10	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	31.1	11	21.6	9	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	91.8	50	86.2	6	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	3.7	6	5.6	6	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	155.7	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.1	6	5.6	5	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		51	35.9	10	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	33	23.1	7	22.6

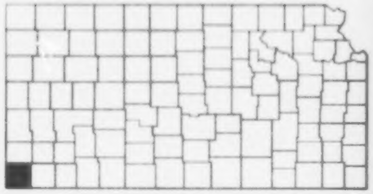


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,480	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	30.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	88.0%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	10.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,785	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.0%	5.3%

County Seat: Elkhart



MORTON COUNTY, located in the far southwest corner of Kansas, has a higher percentage of citizens of Hispanic origin than most other Kansas counties. Nearly 27% of the children in Morton County qualify for free school meals. The county can celebrate a very low rate of juvenile arrests and a very small percent of low birth-weight babies. Improvements in child well-being in Morton County might be focused in the areas of early prenatal care, the immunizations rate for 2 year olds, and the use of alcohol by youths.

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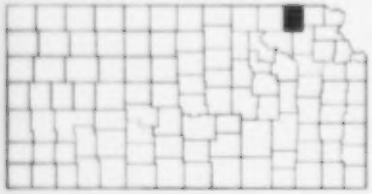
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	10,446	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.2%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,786	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	3.6%	5.3%

County Seat: Seneca



NEMAHA COUNTY, located along the Nebraska border in northeast Kansas, has a very homogeneous population. The citizens of Nemaha County have some great news to applaud. The rate of births to single teens is half the state rate. Ninety-two percent of all births received early prenatal care. The percent of students graduating from high school is 100%. The juvenile arrest rate is low, and the use of drugs (other than alcohol) by youth is well below the state average. Concerns for children include the report that 1 out of 4 youth have used alcohol more than 10 times. In addition, over 18% of the children in Nemaha County live in poverty, but less than 7% receive economic assistance.

NEMAHA

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	1.8	6	4.0	2	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	17.2	376	18.0	2	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	7.0	216	6.9	1	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	24.6	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.8	1	6.7	4	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	90.6	138	92.0	2	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	71.3	105	64.6	4	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.5	10	6.7	7	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	70.5	57	63.1	3	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	22.7	513	22.4	5	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	77.8	112	74.7	7	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	5.0	6	4.0	1	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	99.6	150	100.0	1	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	2.7	11	3.7	4	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.	1	195.3	6	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.8	22	7.1	5	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times	123	25.5	3	26.8	
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	40	8.4	1	22.6

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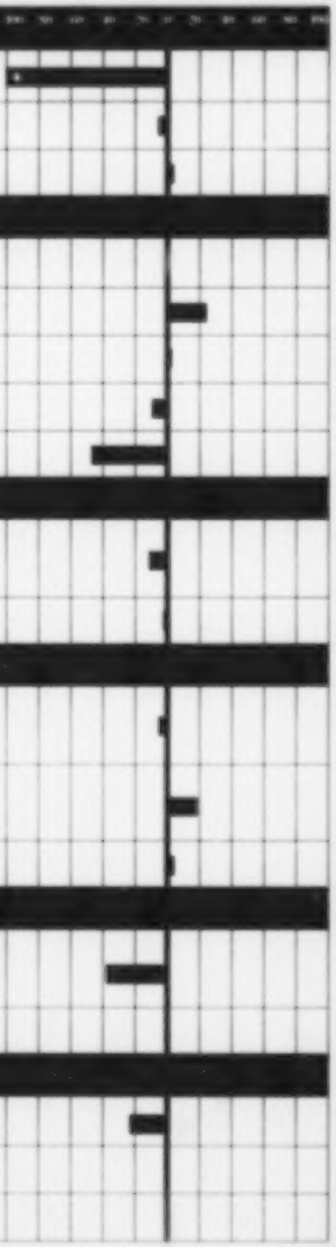
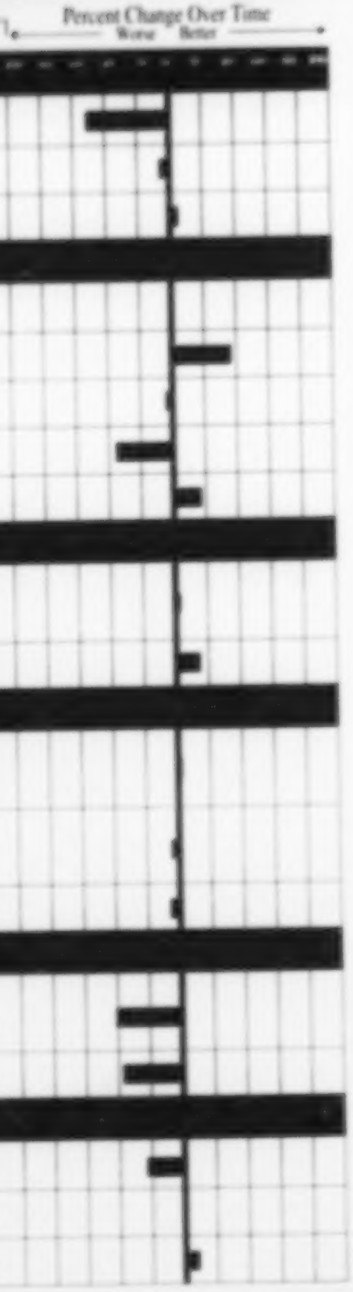


NEOSHO

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.4	25	12.6	9	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	26.6	941	28.2	7	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	24.1	1112	23.2	9	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	22.7	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.1	1	5.1	2	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.6	160	80.8	8	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	33.3	49	21.6	10	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.0	8	4.0	4	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	51.2	92	52.4	4	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	29.1	1026	33.2	1	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	77.0	141	77.5	5	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.3	40	20.2	8	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	87.4	182	82.0	8	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	8.6	51	12.0	10	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	73.2	1	101.5	3	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	17.2	100	21.2	7	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		164	30.1	8	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	25.5	127	23.4	8	22.6

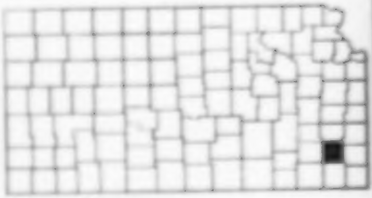


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	17,035	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.8%	88.4%
Black	1.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,613	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.7%	5.3%

County Seat: Erie



NEOSHO COUNTY has experienced a growing unemployment rate, up to 5.7% in 1994. The county appears to be very strong in providing access to early childhood care and education. Head Start provides significant slots for low-income children and the child care availability rate is growing and exceeds the state average. The county's most pressing problems for children include a high rate of births to single teens and a high out-of-home placement rate. The immunization rate for 2 year olds is alarmingly low at only 21.6%.

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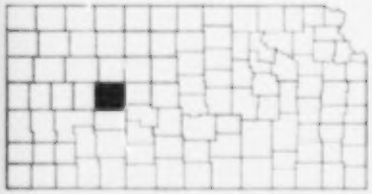
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,033	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.2%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,229	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.6%	5.3%

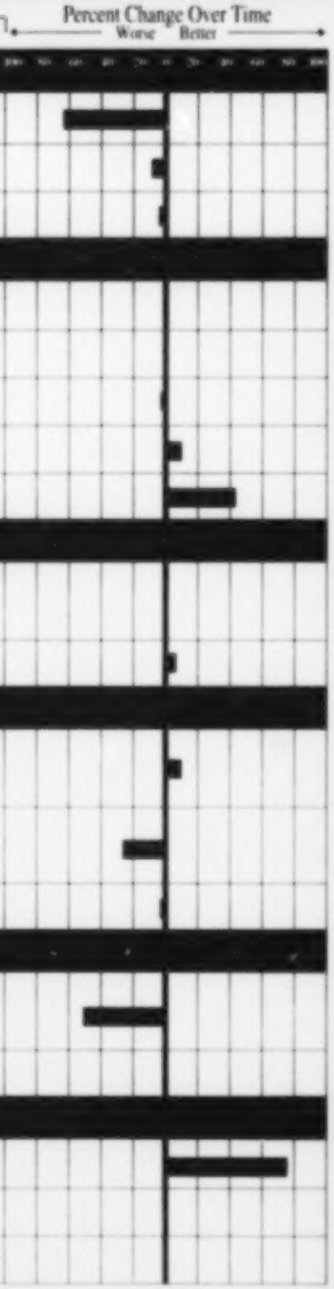
County Seat: Ness City



NESS COUNTY has a population of just over 4,000. Citizens of Ness County can be proud of its immunization rate for young children which has risen to 73%. Education indicators are also positive: the graduation rate is 94%, and 84% of the graduates are pursuing post-secondary education or training. Ness County has only 12% of youth who report ever using drugs (other than alcohol), putting Ness County in the top 10% of counties. However, when considering indicators for children that need improvement, Ness County may want to consider the use of alcohol by its youth. Nearly 35% report using alcohol more than 10 times. Another major concern is the lack of available child care.

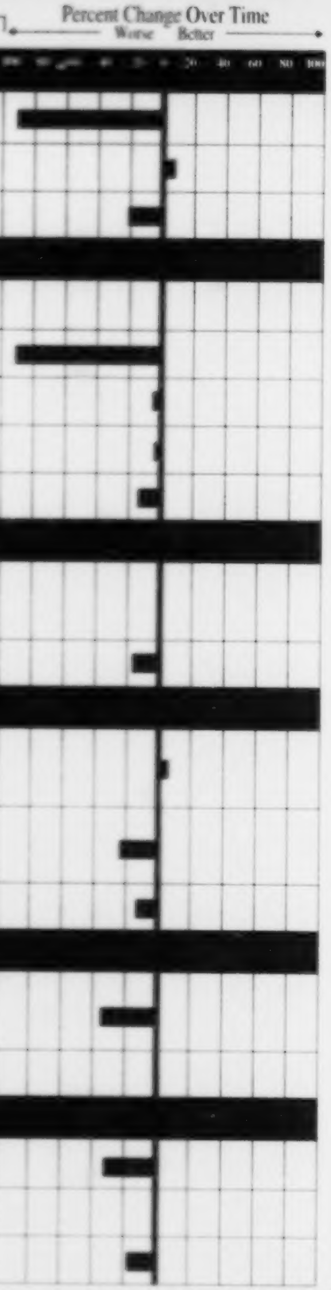
NESS

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.8	4	9.5	7	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	14.4	131	15.7	1	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	5.3	60	5.5	1	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	22.8	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.6	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	86.8	36	85.7	5	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	67.0	31	73.0	1	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	8.5	2	4.8	5	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	11	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	8.6	72	9.1	10	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	76.8	53	84.1	2	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	11.2	6	14.3	5	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	94.8	63	94.0	3	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	1.9	3	2.9	3	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	104.2	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.5	2	1.8	4	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		70	34.5	9	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	.	.	1	22.6



NORTON

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.8	6	11.1	8	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	20.3	213	18.7	2	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	12.5	224	15.2	6	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	20.0	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.7	1	18.5	9	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.1	43	79.6	8	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	51.8	39	50.0	8	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.9	3	5.6	5	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	34	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	31.5	228	26.0	3	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	76.6	50	80.6	3	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.0	6	11.1	4	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	95.8	62	82.7	7	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	2.4	4	3.2	3	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	385.8	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	29.3	56	38.9	9	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		76	27.7	5	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	19.7	64	23.2	8	22.6

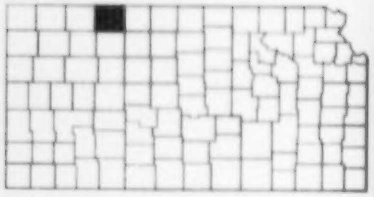


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,947	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	22.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.7%	88.4%
Black	2.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,972	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.5%	5.3%

County Seat: Norton



NORTON COUNTY, whose county seat is Norton, has a homogeneous population of around 6,000. Norton County can be proud of its high rate of accessibility to child care which is above the state rate. Over 80% of high school graduates pursue post-secondary education and training, another positive indicator for Norton County. The county might consider beginning a Head Start program for its eligible children. Additional concerns are the increase in the percent of births to single teens and the 33% increase in the arrest rate. In 1994, 56 juveniles under age 18 were arrested in Norton County.

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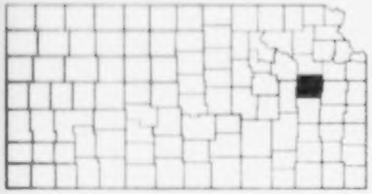
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	15,248	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.8%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,960	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	7.3%	5.3%

County Seat: Lyndon

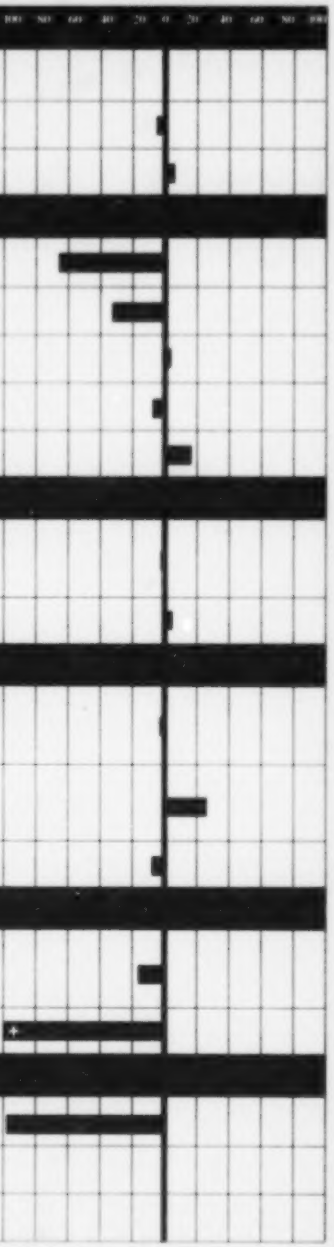


OSAGE COUNTY, with a population of over 15,000, had one of the highest unemployment rates (7.3%) in the state in 1994. One in five school children qualify for free school meals. The availability of child care is impressive and should be a big help to young families. The percent of births to mothers with less than a high school degree has decreased from the base years and is nearly half the state rate. Areas of concern include the finding that nearly 35% of Osage County youth have used alcohol more than 10 times. In addition, the percent of high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education and training dropped 8% to a low of only 62%.

OSAGE

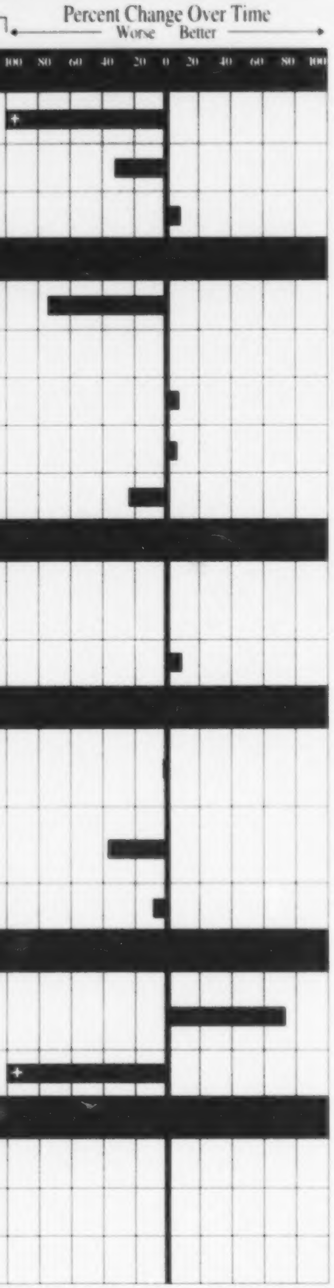
	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.3	13	7.3	5	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	19.6	664	20.5	3	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	16.3	655	15.5	6	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	18.3	1	30.4	4	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	4.1	1	5.6	3	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.4	155	87.1	4	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	61.8	139	57.3	6	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.0	9	5.1	5	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	28.8	70	28.7	7	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	30.2	924	31.2	2	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	62.6	113	62.1	10	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	13.0	17	9.6	3	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	89.6	182	82.7	7	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	2.9	14	3.4	3	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	41.5	2	227.7	7	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	9.1	76	18.1	7	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		107	34.9	9	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		70	22.8	7	22.6

Percent Change Over Time



OSBORNE

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.4	5	11.4	8	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	19.1	135	25.3	6	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	11.6	139	10.6	3	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	65.5	1	114.2	9	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	3.7	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	89.0	42	95.5	1	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	50.0	22	53.1	7	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.7	2	4.5	4	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	17	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	26.8	232	29.2	2	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	83.0	28	82.4	2	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.9	6	13.6	5	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	92.9	34	85.0	6	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	3.6	1	.9	1	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	82.9	1	483.1	9	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.0	0	.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		.	.	.	22.6

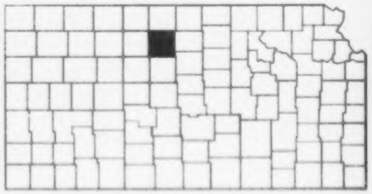


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,867	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	24.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.1%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$23,500	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.2%	5.3%

County Seat: Osborne



OSBORNE COUNTY has a small, homogeneous population and a median family income of $23,500, nearly $10,000 below the state median family income. One out of four school children qualify for free school meals. Osborne County can be proud of many of its indicators of child well-being. It has a low out-of-home placement rate, ample child care availability, and over 95% of the births in Osborne County receive early prenatal care. Concerns include an increase in births to single teens and the 29% of youth who report using alcohol more than 10 times.

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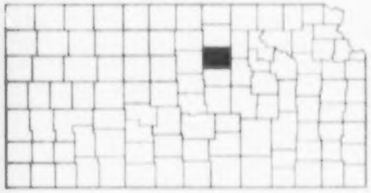
DEMOCRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,634	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.9%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,410	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.8%	5.3%

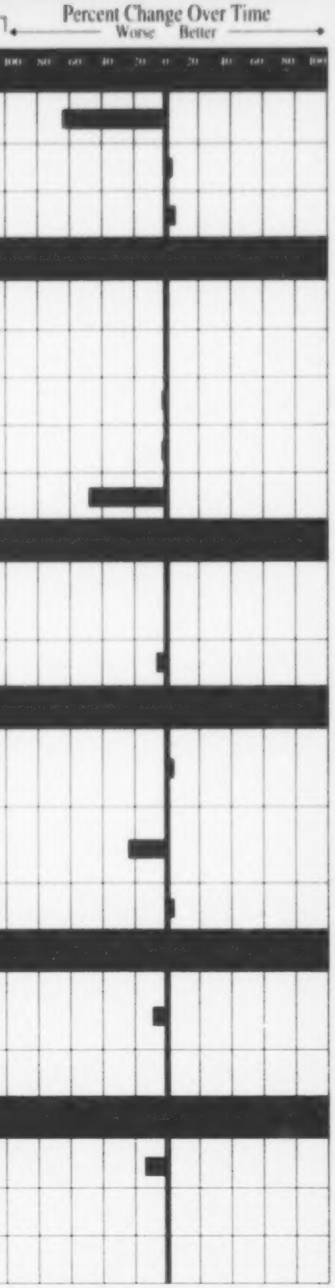
County Seat: Minneapolis



OTTAWA COUNTY is located in north central Kansas and has a population of about 5,600. Ottawa County residents can be proud of its high school graduation rate (93.3%) and its immunization rate (65%) which are both well above the state rate. An area for potential improvement is the percent of low birth-weight babies which is currently one of the highest in the state. The county might want to consider a Head Start program for its eligible children.

OTTAWA

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.8	6	9.5	7	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	21.0	274	20.6	4	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	15.4	221	14.8	5	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	.	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.2	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	90.8	57	90.5	3	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	65.3	48	65.1	3	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.5	7	11.1	10	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	21	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	27.1	278	25.3	3	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	71.9	52	74.3	7	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	10.2	8	12.7	4	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	91.4	70	93.3	3	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	6.9	9	6.3	6	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	69.1	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	11.2	19	12.8	6	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times	.	.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	.	.	.	22.6



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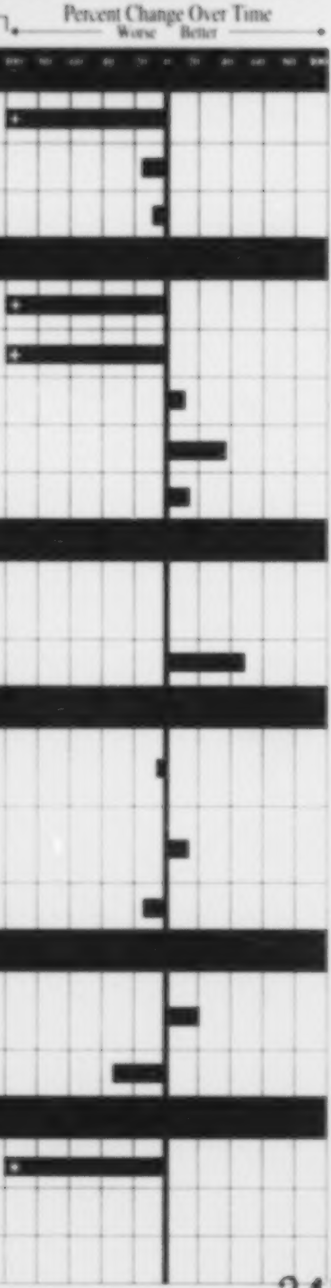
PAWNEE

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.5	13	16.0	10	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	20.4	361	23.9	5	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	12.3	267	13.3	4	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	26.9	1	67.2	8	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	15.5	3	37.0	10	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	77.3	70	86.4	5	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	40.8	50	56.5	6	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.2	5	6.2	7	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	0	25	71.0	2	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	29.0	572	43.3	1	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	74.7	58	70.7	8	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.5	10	12.5	4	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	88.3	82	75.9	9	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	9.5	15	7.6	7	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	144.1	1	190.4	6	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.5	28	14.0	7	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		92	27.2	5	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		67	20.1	5	22.6

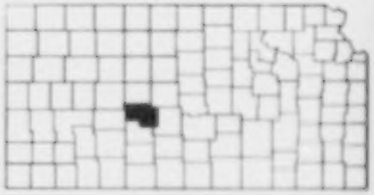


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,555	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	92.3%	88.4%
Black	3.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.7%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	3.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,759	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.4%	5.3%

County Seat: Larned



PAWNEE COUNTY, whose county seat is Larned, has a population of just over 7,500. Positive indicators for Pawnee County include excellent Head Start and other child care availability. In addition, the immunization rate for two year olds improved nearly 39% from the base years. Areas of concern include an increase in the juvenile arrest rate. Pawnee County averaged 16 juvenile arrests in the base years and arrested 28 youths in 1994. In addition, the percent of births to single teens increased from 7.5% to 16% of all births. Pawnee County normally averages 5 births to single teens in a year but had 13 in 1994.

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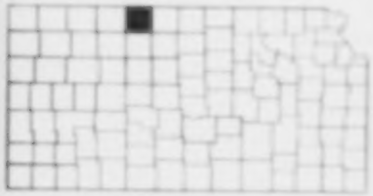
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,590	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.7%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,541	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.2%	5.3%

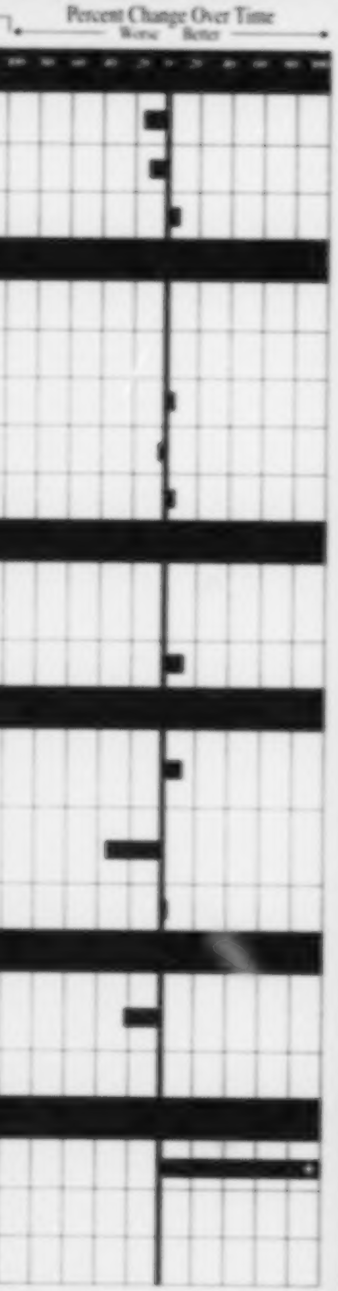
County Seat: Phillipsburg



PHILLIPS COUNTY, located along the Nebraska border in north central Kansas, has a population of 6,590. Many indicators of child well-being are positive in Phillips County. The percent of births with early prenatal care exceeds 90%, the graduation rate is nearly 90%, there were no juvenile arrests in 1994, and the percent of youths who have ever used drugs (other than alcohol) is one of the lowest in the state. The county might consider a Head Start program for its eligible children.

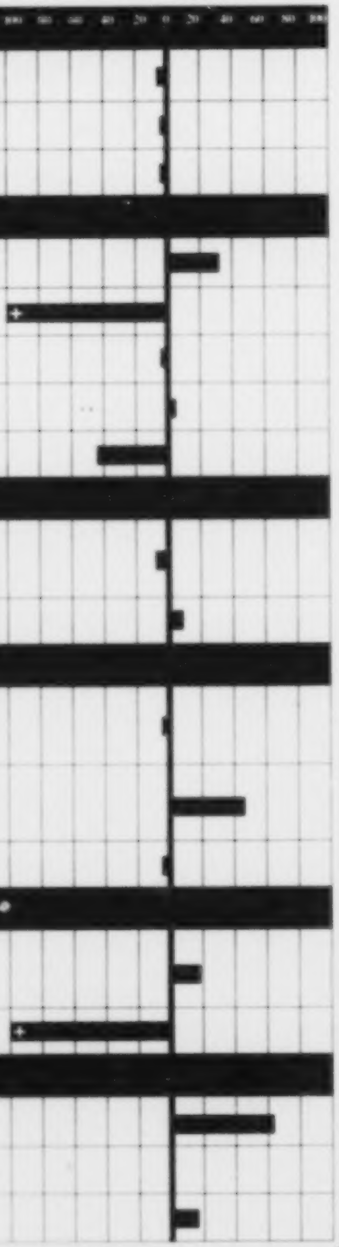
PHILLIPS

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.9	5	6.8	5	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	20.6	270	23.0	5	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	9.6	158	8.8	2	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	15.2	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	1	13.5	8	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	86.4	67	90.5	3	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	52.3	45	50.0	8	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.3	3	4.1	4	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	0	23	0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	18.9	247	21.0	5	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	73.8	73	82.0	3	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.9	10	13.5	5	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	88.8	89	89.9	5	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	5.0	6	3.8	4	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.	1	334.0	8	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.4	0	0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		109	27.8	5	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		55	14.0	2	22.6



POTTAWATOMIE

	County	Current Year				Percent Change Over Time
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas	← Worse Better →
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.1	14	5.4	4	9.2	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	16.2	624	16.5	2	24.1	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	13.8	634	14.2	5	18.4	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	35.7	1	24.1	3	27.0	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	2.6	4	15.4	8	7.6	+
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.8	211	81.2	7	84.6	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	61.0	168	62.8	4	57.0	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.6	21	8.1	9	6.5	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	55.3	73	50.9	4	44.0	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	19.5	815	21.1	5	24.5	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	71.2	149	68.7	9	74.8	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.6	13	5.0	1	16.9	
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	92.3	217	88.2	5	78.5	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	2.1	9	1.7	1	8.0	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	91.2	3	284.6	7	116.2	+
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	14.3	24	5.3	5	40.1	
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times	171	28.1	5	26.8		
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	21.3	107	17.5	3	22.6	

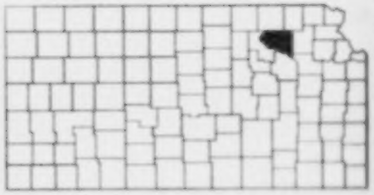


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	16,128	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	29.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.9%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$29,932	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.6%	5.3%

County Seat: Westmoreland



POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY has a population of just over 16,000 of which nearly 30% are children. Citizens of Pottawatomie County can be proud of the low rate of births to single teens and the very low rate of births to mothers without a high school degree. Pottawatomie County also ranks among the top 10% of counties in its out of home placement rate. The immunization rate of 63% is well above the state rate. Concerns in Pottawatomie County include an increase in the infant mortality rate and a low percent of high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education and training (68.7%) that does not compare favorably with other counties.

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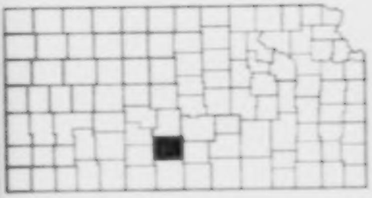
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	9,702	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.8%	88.4%
Black	1.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,481	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.0%	5.3%

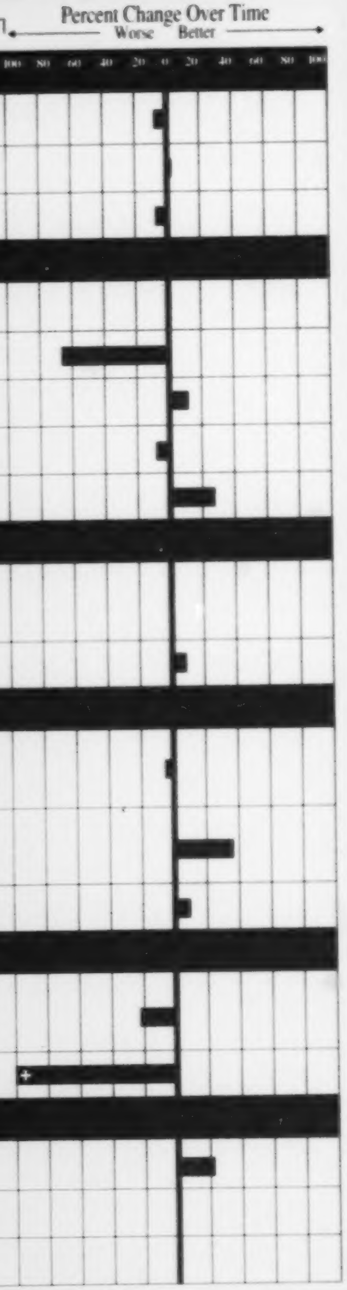
County Seat: Pratt



PRATT COUNTY has a population of 9,702 and a median family income of $30,481. On most indicators of child well-being, Pratt County has a better rate than the state. The county can point with particular pride to its graduation rate of 95%, the low rate of births to single teens, and the 92% of births that receive early prenatal care. Indicators that need improvement include the immunization rate and the rate of juvenile arrests.

PRATT

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.9	6	5.3	3	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	18.7	345	18.6	2	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	13.2	354	14.1	5	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	39.8	0	-	-	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.5	2	17.7	9	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	82.6	104	92.0	2	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	56.8	52	51.8	7	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.1	5	4.4	4	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	45	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	25.9	522	28.2	2	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	77.8	82	73.2	7	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	17.0	12	10.6	4	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	87.0	112	94.9	3	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	5.4	17	6.6	7	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	59.0	2	319.5	8	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	56.8	111	44.3	9	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		-	-	-	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		-	-	-	22.6



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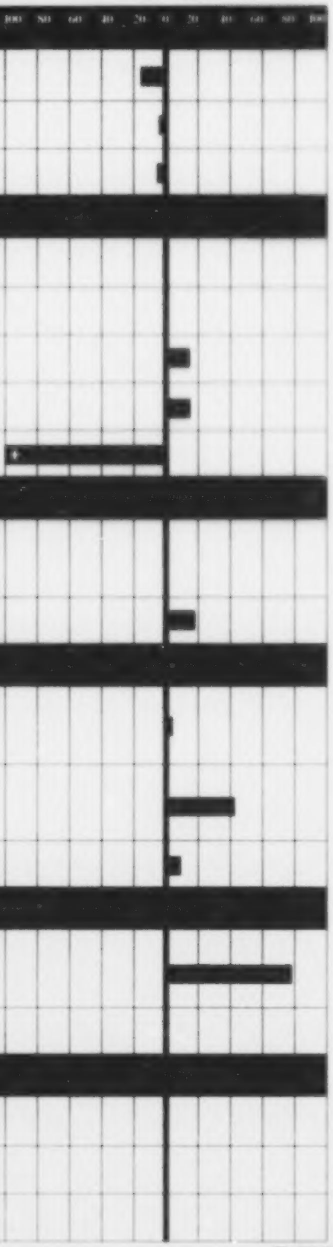
RAWLINS

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.3	2	6.3	4	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	27.2	170	28.2	7	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	6.8	72	7.1	1	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	.	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	16.0	0			7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.6	29	90.6	3	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	50.8	19	58.3	5	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.3	4	12.5	10	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	14	.0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	12.9	98	15.2	9	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	80.7	24	82.8	2	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	11.4	2	6.5	2	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	97.9	29	100.0	1	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	5.8	1	1.2	1	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.0	0	.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times	.	.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	.	.	.	22.6

Percent Change Over Time

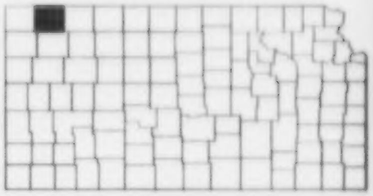


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,404	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.7%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,818	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	3.1%	5.3%

County Seat: Atwood



RAWLINS COUNTY, located in far northwestern Kansas, has a small, homogeneous population. The median family income of $25,818 is considerably below the state median family income. Over 28% of school children qualify for free school meals. Citizens in Rawlins County can be especially proud of the educational indicators for their children, all three of which rank among the best in the state. For example, there were only 2 births to Rawlins County mothers without a high school degree in 1994. Of concern is the relative lack of child care availability. In addition, while over 16% of Rawlins County children live in poverty only 7% receive some form of economic assistance.

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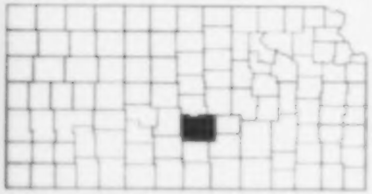
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	62,389	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	92.4%	88.4%
Black	2.7%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	3.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$29,549	$32,966
Unemployment 1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services	5.2%	5.3%

County Seat: Hutchinson



RENO COUNTY, whose county seat is Hutchinson, has a population over 62,000. The unemployment rate for the county increased by 10% over the base year average to 5.2% in 1994. Citizens in Reno County can be proud of the continuous improvement in its immunization rate. The county also experienced a 48% increase in the Head Start participation rate, which is another positive development. It is also encouraging that youth in Reno County report less frequent use of alcohol than youth in other Kansas counties. Reno County also has several areas of grave concern with regard to indicators for children. The out-of-home placement rate is very high, and the juvenile arrest rate climbed over 15% to nearly twice the state average. The percent of births to single teens rose 25% from the base years and now exceeds the state rate.

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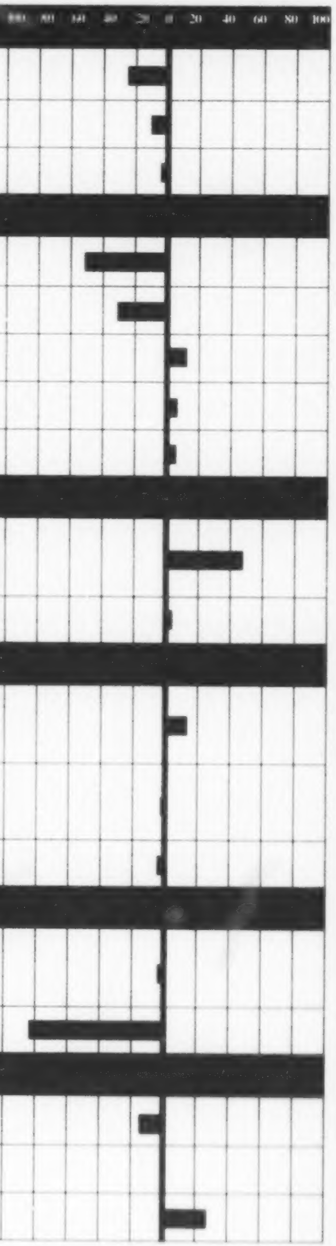
RENO

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.4	82	10.5	7	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	24.6	3150	27.0	7	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	22.1	3620	21.6	9	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	31.5	6	47.7	7	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.7	9	11.5	7	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	74.4	655	83.7	7	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	65.0	518	68.3	2	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.3	47	6.0	6	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	28.9	320	42.8	5	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	23.3	2729	23.9	4	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	66.3	468	75.2	6	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	19.9	156	20.1	8	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	81.7	622	78.7	9	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	11.7	190	12.1	10	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	71.8	5	132.2	4	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	63.9	1224	73.9	10	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		115	16.3	1	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	29.3	151	21.3	6	22.6

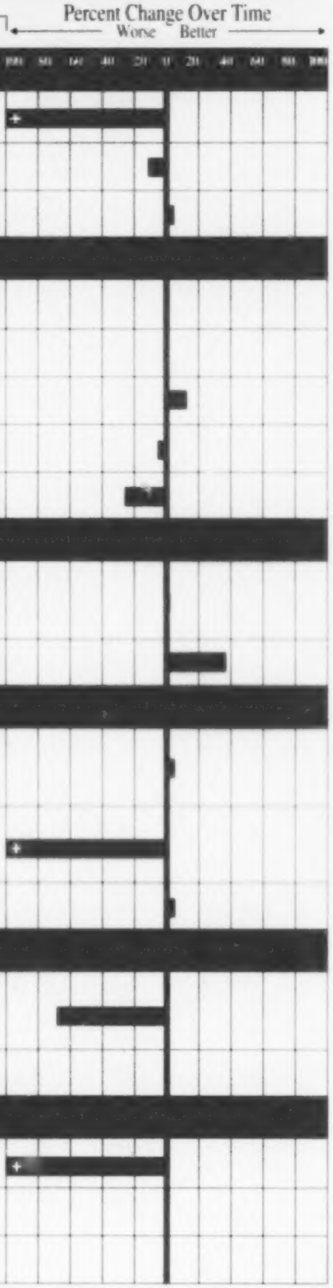
Percent Change Over Time



REPUBLIC

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.2	6	11.8	8	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.7	281	25.2	6	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	10.7	165	10.4	3	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	17.1	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	0	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	81.9	47	92.2	2	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	52.5	30	50.0	8	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.1	2	3.9	3	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	60.8	28	61.2	3	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	18.4	260	25.2	3	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	78.5	61	81.3	3	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.2	11	21.6	9	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	92.8	75	96.2	2	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	6.4	15	10.8	9	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	64.4	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.2	1	.6	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		75	29.2	7	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	33	13.0	2	22.6

Percent Change Over Time

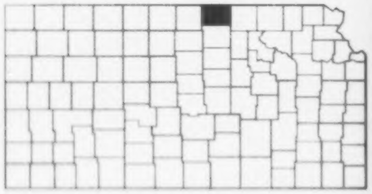


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,482	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	22.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.4%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,637	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.6%	5.3%

County Seat: Belleville



REPUBLIC COUNTY, located along the Nebraska border, had a 79% increase in the unemployment rate between the base years and 1994. However, it is still below the state rate. One out of 4 school age children are eligible for free school meals. Although nearly 19% of Republic County children live in poverty, only 10% receive economic assistance. Positive indicators for Republic County include births with early prenatal care (92%) and a graduation rate of 96%. The availability of child care and Head Start is a real plus in the county. Finally, the percent of youth who report that they have used drugs (other than alcohol) is quite low compared to the state rate.

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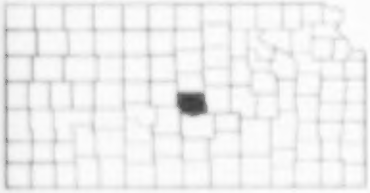
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	10,610	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	95.6%	88.4%
Black	1.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.0%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,406	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	3.6%	5.3%

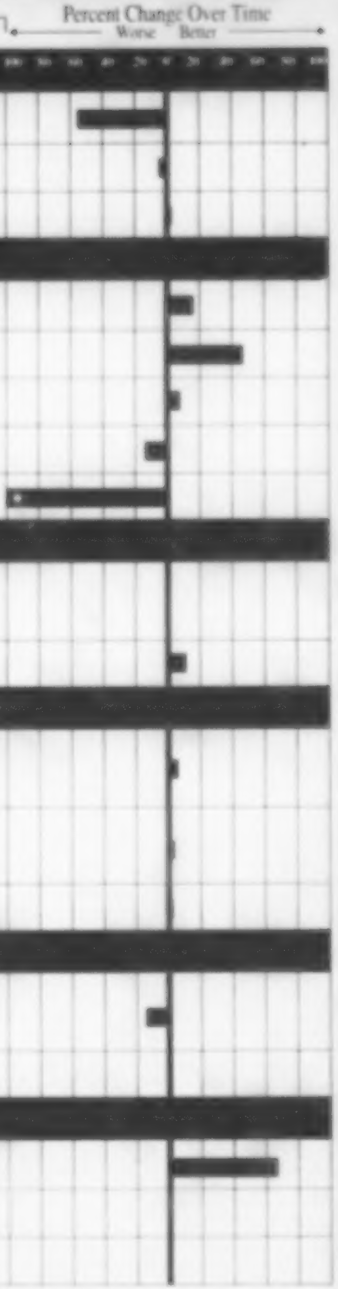
County Seat: Lyons



RICE COUNTY, located in about the center of Kansas, has a population of just over 10,000. Rice County lowered its juvenile arrest rate by 67%, resulting in arrests of only 12 juveniles in 1994. Citizens can be proud that the county ranks among the top 10% in youth refraining from frequent use of alcohol. There are, still, serious concerns regarding Rice County children. Nearly 30% of school age children qualify for free school meals. This indicates that many children are living in homes where parents are struggling financially. The percent of births to single teens and the percent of low birth weight babies are both quite high and could be related. The availability of child care appears to be a real problem in the county.

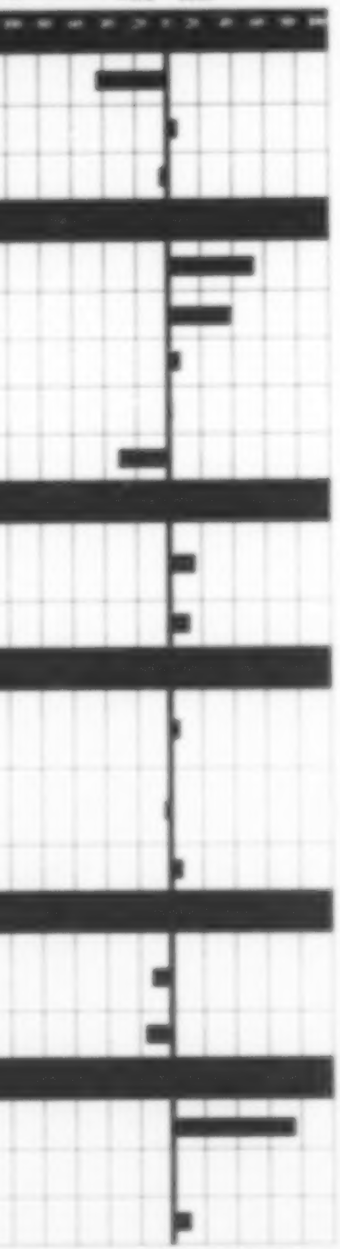
RICE

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.0	14	12.4	9	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	28.5	587	29.6	8	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	20.6	594	20.5	8	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	53.3	1	44.3	6	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	16.8	1	8.8	5	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	75.3	92	81.4	7	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	61.3	69	53.2	6	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.4	12	10.6	10	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	20.1	90	20.1	7	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	14.1	328	15.6	9	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	75.3	86	78.9	4	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.2	18	15.9	6	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	85.0	109	85.8	6	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	5.4	17	6.1	6	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	60.1	0	–	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	12.7	12	4.2	4	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		102	20.6	1	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		94	19.1	5	22.6



RILEY

	County	Current Year				Percent Change Over Time
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas	Worse / Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.5	53	5.0	3	9.2	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	19.1	1453	18.2	2	24.1	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	12.2	1775	12.6	4	18.4	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	35.0	2	16.1	2	27.0	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.9	5	4.7	2	7.6	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	76.2	859	81.5	7	84.6	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	64.5	390	64.8	4	57.0	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.4	61	5.8	6	6.5	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	31.4	412	36.4	6	44.0	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	16.8	2266	18.9	7	24.5	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post Secondary Education/Training	83.5	995	86.8	1	74.8	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	7.5	80	7.6	2	16.9	
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	86.7	455	92.3	4	78.5	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Out of Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	4.8	87	5.4	5	8.0	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	24.2	2	28.3	1	116.2	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	35.9	122	8.6	6	40.1	
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		380	25.9	4	26.8	
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	26.8	353	24.1	8	22.6	

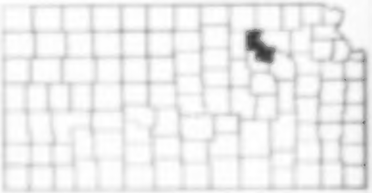


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	67,139	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	21.5%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	81.6%	88.4%
Black	10.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	3.5%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,511	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.0%	5.3%

County Seat: Manhattan



RILEY COUNTY, whose county seat is Manhattan, has a relatively diverse population of over 67,000. Many of the indicators of child well-being in Riley County are quite positive. Citizens can be especially proud of the three educational indicators. The percent of births to single teens is only 5% compared to the state's rate of 9.2%. The immunization rate is nearly 65%. The juvenile arrest rate dropped 76%. Of concern is that while nearly 17% of Riley County children live in poverty only 12.6% receive economic assistance. In addition, the percent of youths who have used drugs (other than alcohol) is higher than the state rate.

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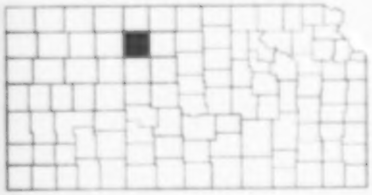
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,039	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.7%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,601	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.7%	5.3%

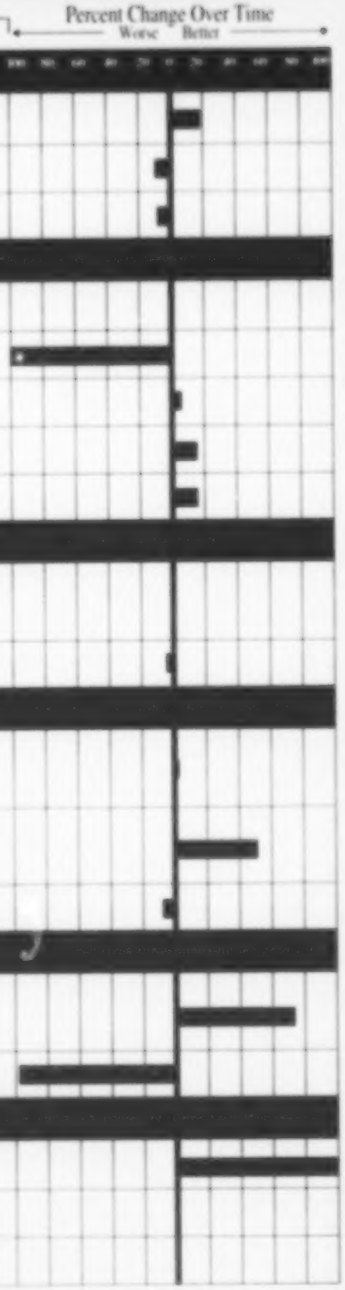
County Seat: Stockton



ROOKS COUNTY has a homogeneous population and a median family income of $24,601. There are some very positive indicators for children in Rooks County. The percent of births to single teens is low and the percent of births to mothers with less than a high school degree is also low. The percent of births with early prenatal care exceeds 95%. Of concern is the 34% of youths who report using alcohol more than 10 times. While almost 19% of Rooks County children live in poverty, only 12.5% receive some form of economic assistance.

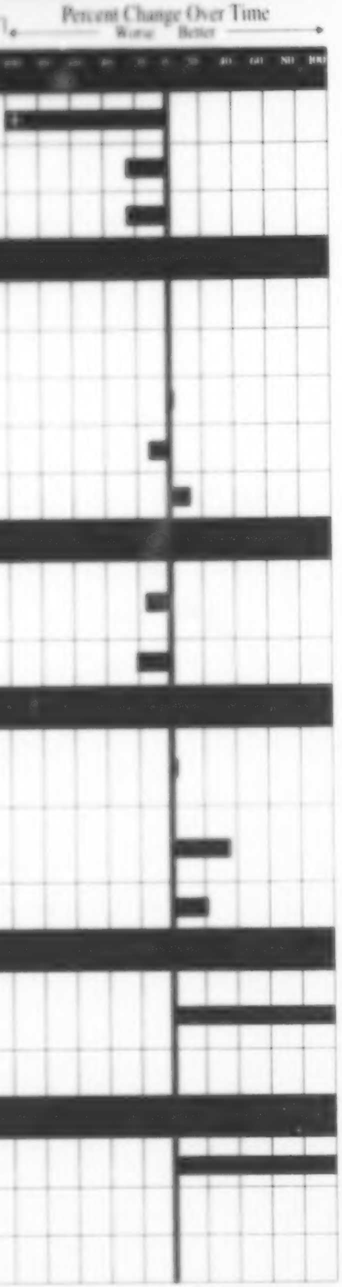
ROOKS

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.7	3	4.6	3	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	19.1	256	21.0	4	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	11.5	222	12.5	4	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	31.1	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	2.7	1	15.4	8	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	89.9	62	95.4	1	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	50.0	41	58.5	5	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	9.3	5	7.7	8	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	0	39	0	10	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	25.2	276	24.6	4	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	77.3	70	78.7	5	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.6	3	4.7	1	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	95.7	89	89.0	5	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	9.8	4	2.7	2	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	182.2	1	362.1	8	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	5.9	0	.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		61	34.1	9	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	33	18.2	4	22.6



RUSH

	County	Current Year				Percent Change Over Time
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas	Worse / Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.1	2	6.5	4	9.2	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.0	206	27.8	7	24.1	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	12.7	157	16.1	7	18.4	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	-	0			27.0	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.2	0			7.6	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	89.0	28	90.3	1	84.6	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	54.5	24	47.7	9	57.0	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.7	1	3.2	2	6.5	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	32.6	18	27.6	7	44.0	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	25.1	118	20.1	6	24.5	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	86.1	49	87.5	1	74.8	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.3	3	9.7	3	16.9	
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	90.5	56	100.0	1	78.5	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	1.2	0	.0	1	8.0	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	-	0	-	-	116.2	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	1.1	0	.0	3	40.1	
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		-	-	-	26.8	
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	20.0		-	-	22.6	

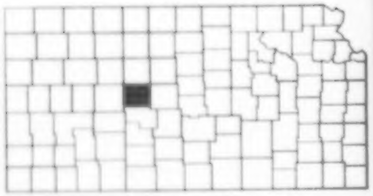


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,842	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	22.8%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.8%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,489	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.0%	5.3%

County Seat: La Crosse



RUSH COUNTY has a very small, homogeneous population of under 4,000. Nearly 28% of all school children qualify for free school meals. Citizens of Rush County can be proud of the three educational indicators for their children. The graduation rate, for example, was 100%. In addition, 90% of births received early prenatal care and—perhaps as a result—the percent of low birth-weight babies was very small. Rush County residents may want to look with more depth into the use of alcohol and other drugs by youth.

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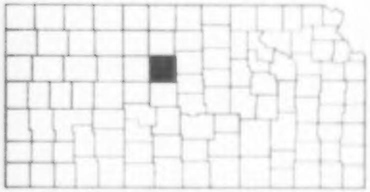
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,835	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	23.1%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.4%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$26,508	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.0%	5.3%

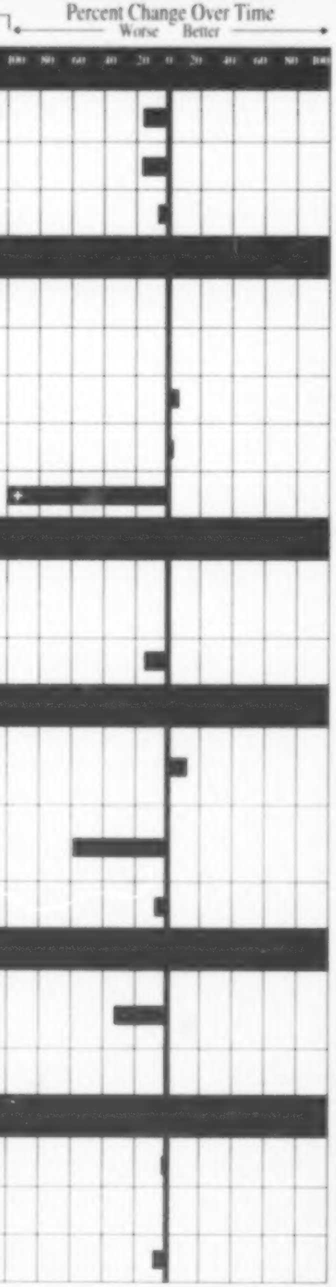
County Seat: Russell



RUSSELL COUNTY, located in central Kansas, has a population of under 8,000. Nearly 30% of all school children qualify for free school meals. This figure increased nearly 16% from the base years. Russell County can be proud of its low rate of births to single teens and its new Head Start program. It is also encouraging to see the high percentage of high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education or training. Areas for potential improvement include the immunization rate which stands at 49.4% and the juvenile arrest rate which is well above the state rate. There were 16 births to Russell County mothers without a high school degree which was an increase of 7%.

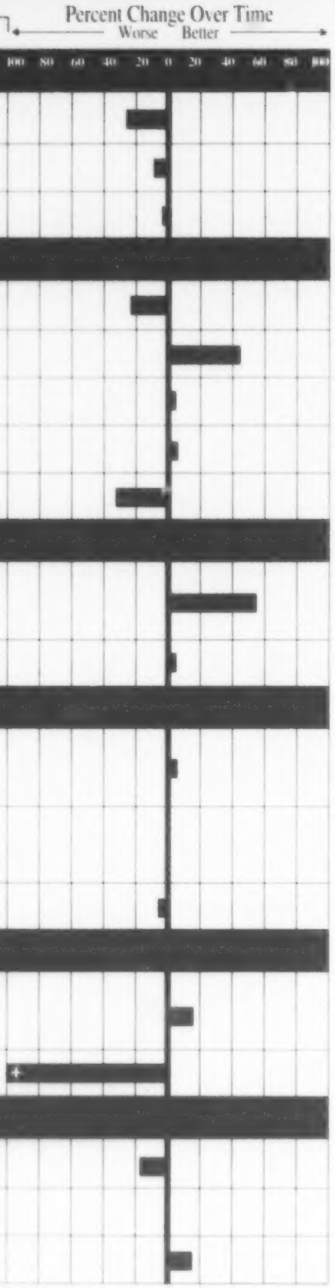
RUSSELL

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.1	4	5.9	4	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	25.3	406	29.3	8	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	15.9	337	17.0	7	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.5	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.0	61	89.7	3	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	48.5	48	49.4	8	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.1	7	10.3	10	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	36	42.2	5	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	30.5	334	26.4	3	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	73.7	64	82.1	2	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	14.8	16	23.5	9	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	87.3	78	81.3	8	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	5.8	13	7.7	8	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	149.7	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	45.8	90	46.3	9	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		86	25.1	3	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	19.3	71	20.8	6	22.6



SALINE

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.0	77	10.1	7	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.4	2290	24.6	5	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	18.1	2462	18.7	7	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	30.5	4	37.6	5	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.0	3	3.9	1	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	88.3	689	90.1	3	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	65.0	420	68.3	2	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.1	62	8.1	9	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	28.9	297	44.5	5	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	32.5	3319	33.4	1	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	71.0	347	73.5	7	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.7	120	15.7	6	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	87.3	472	83.1	7	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	10.1	123	9.3	9	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	69.5	4	141.8	5	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	88.4	1364	103.7	10	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		543	27.9	5	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	30.0	497	25.5	9	22.6

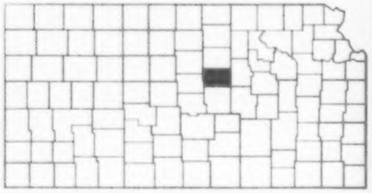


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	49,301	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	93.0%	88.4%
Black	3.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.5%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,030	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.6%	5.3%

County Seat: Salina



SALINE COUNTY, whose county seat is Salina, has a population of slightly less than 50,000. There are a number of positive indicators for children in Saline County. Several of the physical health and safety indicators are very strong, particularly the infant mortality rate and the immunization rate. Access to child care and Head Start also appears strong in Saline County. Areas of concern include the percent of births to single teens which grew 26% and now exceeds the state rate and a high out-of-home placement rate. The juvenile arrest rate is one of the highest in the state at 103.7 per 1,000 children. The state rate is 40.1 per 1,000 children.

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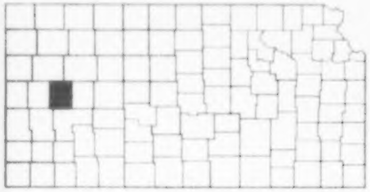
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,289	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	96.8%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$29,267	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.0%	5.3%

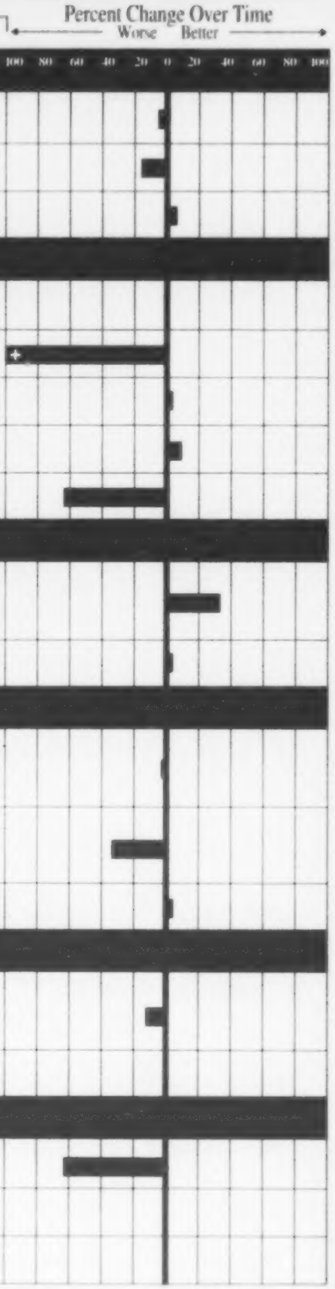
County Seat: Scott City



SCOTT COUNTY, located in western Kansas, has a population of slightly over 5,000. Citizens in the county can be proud of the immunization rate which exceeds 70%. Availability of child care also appears favorable. Of concern is that nearly one out of every four births is to a mother with less than a high school degree. The juvenile arrest rate is also one of the highest in the state. In 1994, 69 juveniles under 18 were arrested.

SCOTT

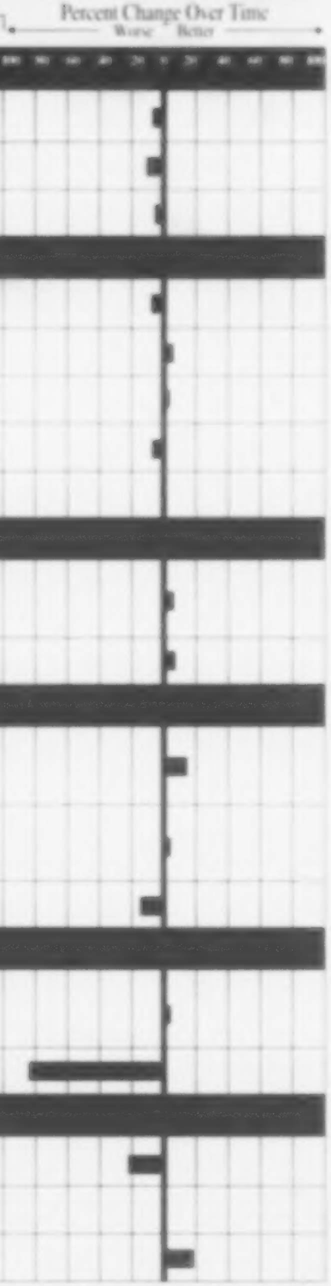
	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.0	5	7.2	5	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	19.5	240	22.7	4	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	8.0	127	7.6	2	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	33.5	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	14.0	2	29.0	10	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.8	55	79.7	8	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	64.3	60	70.2	2	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.3	6	8.7	10	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	198.9	5	264.8	1	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	29.7	310	30.3	2	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	81.1	53	80.3	4	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	18.3	17	24.6	9	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	88.1	66	90.4	4	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	7.4	12	8.2	8	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.	1	310.2	8	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	25.8	69	42.1	9	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		64	23.4	3	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	41	14.9	2	22.6



Percent Change Over Time

SEDGWICK

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	9.7	750	10.3	7	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	24.6	21393	27.2	7	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	22.6	25031	23.4	9	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	30.2	31	32.4	4	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	11.1	77	10.6	6	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.7	6192	85.5	6	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	57.8	2945	53.5	6	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.1	512	7.1	8	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	33.8	2672	35.3	6	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	21.5	20977	22.7	4	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	63.6	2490	72.4	7	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	20.2	1418	19.7	8	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	74.8	3437	63.4	10	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	9.8	1155	9.5	9	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	79.0	35	145.3	5	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	51.8	6789	62.8	10	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		619	29.2	7	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	30.9	528	24.9	9	22.6

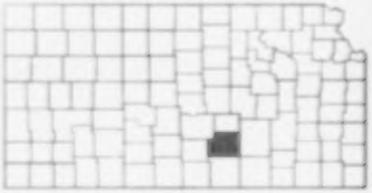


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	403,662	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	83.7%	88.4%
Black	8.8%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$36,194	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.2%	5.3%

County Seat: Wichita



SEDGWICK COUNTY'S population exceeds 400,000 and its median family income of $36,194 is one of the highest in the state. Its urban center and county seat is Wichita. Sedgwick County has shown improvement in its infant mortality rate and in the percent of births with early prenatal care. However, many of the indicators for children in Sedgwick County are not very positive. Particularly alarming are the high school graduation rate and the juvenile arrest rate, both of which are among the worst in the state. Thirty-five teens died a violent death in 1994. In general, indicators related to adolescents in Sedgwick County appear to paint a disheartening picture.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

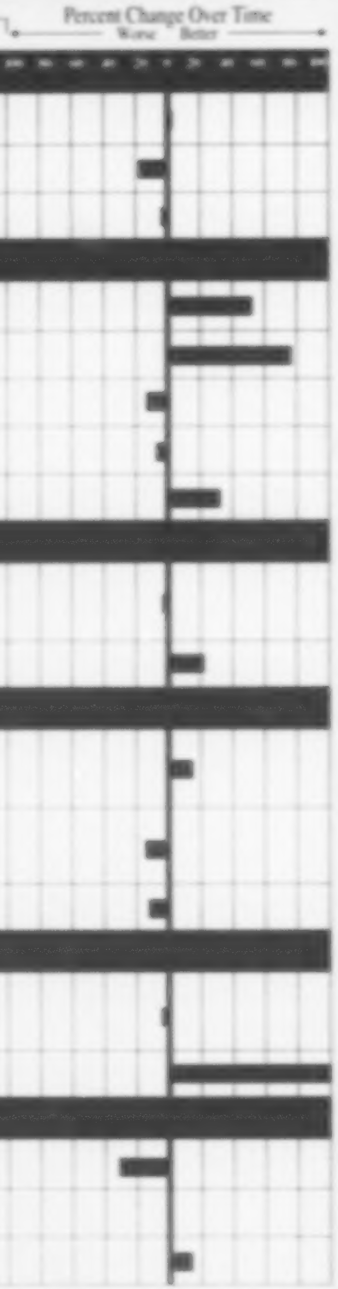
	County	State
Population Size	18,743	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	31.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	73.6%	88.4%
Black	5.8%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	19.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$29,838	$32,966
Unemployment (1996 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.3%	5.3%

County Seat: Liberal

SEWARD COUNTY, located in southwestern Kansas, has a relatively diverse population of just under 19,000. Over 31% of the county's population is under age 18, a higher percentage than most other counties. The county can be pleased with its 32% reduction in the rate of low birth weight babies and in the 22% increase in the rate of child care availability. Unfortunately, on many other indicators of child well-being, Seward County ranks in the bottom 10% of counties. Of particular concern are a graduation rate of 67%, an immunization rate of only 36%, and a rate of births with early prenatal care under 50%.

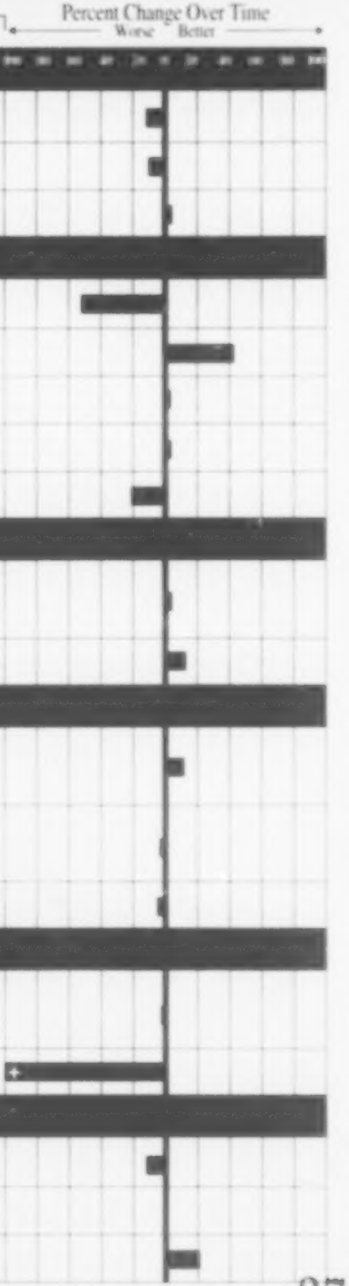
SEWARD

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	12.7	52	12.4	9	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	35.8	2082	43.0	10	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	29.5	1701	30.3	10	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	40.9	1	19.4	3	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	10.6	1	2.4	1	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	55.5	197	48.5	10	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	39.3	164	35.9	10	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.4	21	5.0	5	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	32.6	218	32.1	6	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	14.9	887	18.3	8	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	65.2	180	71.6	6	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	41.1	192	46.7	10	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	75.9	214	67.3	10	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	7.9	52	8.1	8	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	73.3	0	.0	1	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	62.4	463	81.8	10	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		315	27.2	5	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	23.3	234	20.2	5	22.6



SHAWNEE

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	10.9	290	12.3	8	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	25.3	8014	27.9	7	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	21.9	9014	21.4	9	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	25.2	13	38.4	5	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	9.0	12	5.1	2	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	87.5	2097	88.8	3	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	65.8	1303	66.8	2	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.2	204	8.6	9	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	54.4	730	56.3	4	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	30.8	11032	34.7	1	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post Secondary Education/Training	64.6	1062	72.1	8	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	17.4	419	17.8	7	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	75.2	1472	71.7	10	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	12.9	564	13.1	10	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	70.2	15	158.6	5	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	45.3	2127	50.6	9	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		909	25.7	4	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	31.7	882	25.0	9	22.6

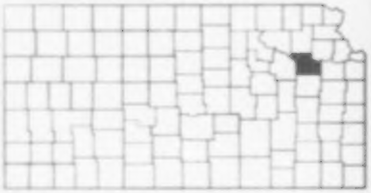


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	160,976	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.9%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	85.3%	88.4%
Black	8.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.0%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.7%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$35,987	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.0%	5.3%

County Seat: Topeka



SHAWNEE COUNTY, whose county seat is Topeka, has a diverse population in excess of 160,000. Its median family income of $35,987 is one of the highest in the state. Shawnee County does well in providing early prenatal care, immunizations, and child care availability. The infant mortality rate improved 43%. Areas for potential improvement in Shawnee County include the graduation rate, which has dropped to under 72% and the out-of-home placement rate which is one of the highest in the state. Over 2,000 juveniles under the age of 18 were arrested in Shawnee County in 1994.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,043	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.9%	90.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.0%	0.9%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,135	$32,966
Unemployment (1996 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.9%	4.1%

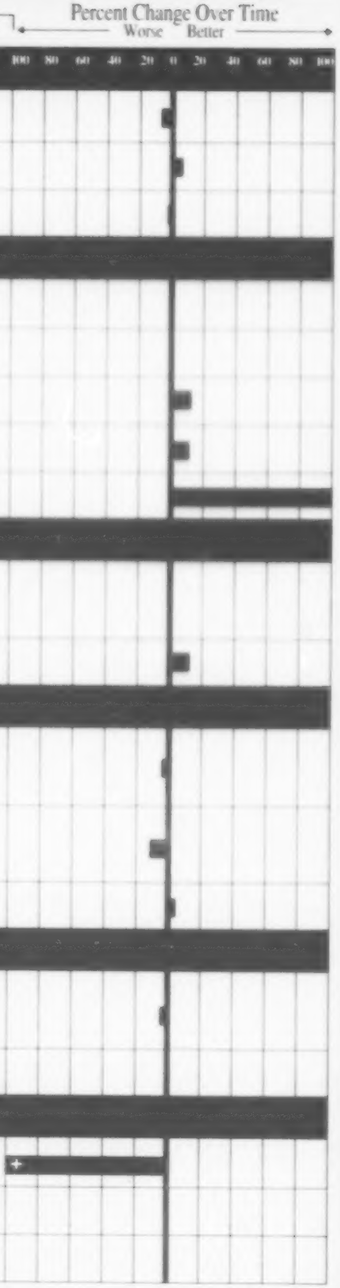
County Seat: Hoxie

SHERIDAN COUNTY

Sheridan County, located in northwest Kansas, has a small population of about 3,000. On the whole, children fare well in Sheridan County. On most indicators of child well-being, the county ranks in the top 10 or 20% of all Kansas counties. Citizens of the county may want to increase the availability of child care. In addition, while nearly 19% of the children in the county live in poverty, only 4% receive economic assistance.

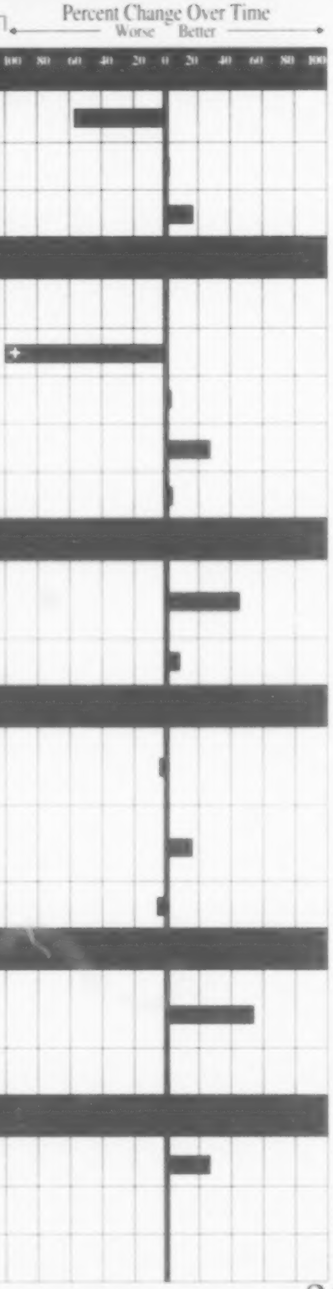
SHERIDAN

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.3	1	3.6	2	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	14.5	67	13.7	1	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	3.9	39	4.0	1	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	.	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	11.0	0			7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	85.1	27	96.4	1	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	69.5	20	77.8	1	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.5	0	.0	1	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	23	69.9	2	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	17.6	112	19.7	7	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	85.0	33	82.5	2	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	6.7	2	7.4	2	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	94.4	40	97.6	2	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	1.2	1	1.3	1	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	110.2	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	3.0	6	6.2	5	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times			.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs				.	22.6



SHERMAN

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	10.4	15	16.5	10	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	28.8	368	28.7	8	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	18.1	303	14.9	6	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children		0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	4.3	1	11.0	7	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	80.1	73	81.1	8	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	47.3	52	60.3	5	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.7	6	6.6	7	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	43.7	53	63.6	3	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	22.4	315	24.1	4	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	81.8	63	79.7	4	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	21.8	16	18.2	7	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	79.3	79	74.5	9	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	12.5	10	5.8	6	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	211.0	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	44.4	66	33.1	8	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times				.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	17.6	.	.		22.6

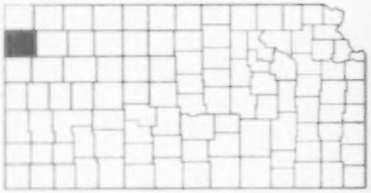


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,926	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	92.6%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	6.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,770	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.6%	5.3%

County Seat: Goodland



SHERMAN COUNTY, whose county seat is Goodland, is located in far northwest Kansas. A positive occurrence in Sherman County is the 28% increase in the immunization rate. Also of note is the high rate of availability of Head Start and other child care for young families. Sherman County also has areas of concern regarding children. The rate of births to single teens has grown significantly and the graduation rate has dropped to below the state rate.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,078	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	22.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.6%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$22,261	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.7%	5.3%

County Seat: Smith Center

SMITH COUNTY has a small homogeneous population of just over 5,000. The median family income of $22,261 is significantly below the state median family income of $32,966. It is not surprising that nearly 1 out of every 4 school children qualify for free school meals. Many indicators of child well-being in this county are positive. The percent of births to single teens is low, and the immunization rate is high. The county has a new Head Start program.

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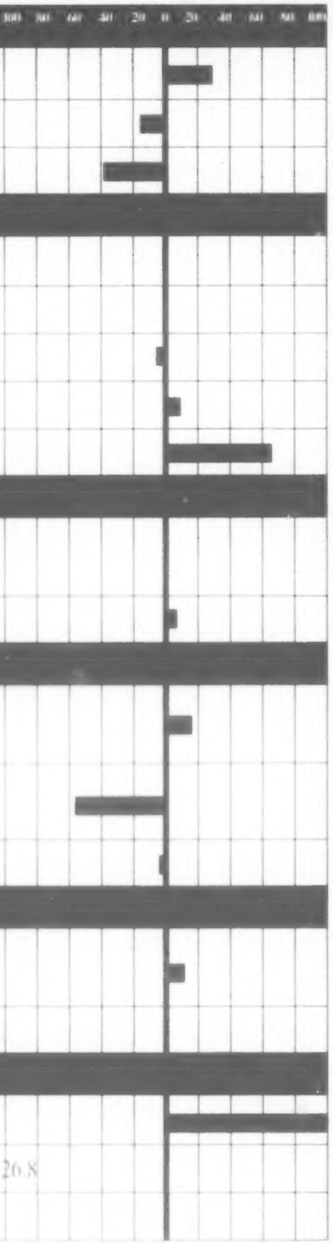
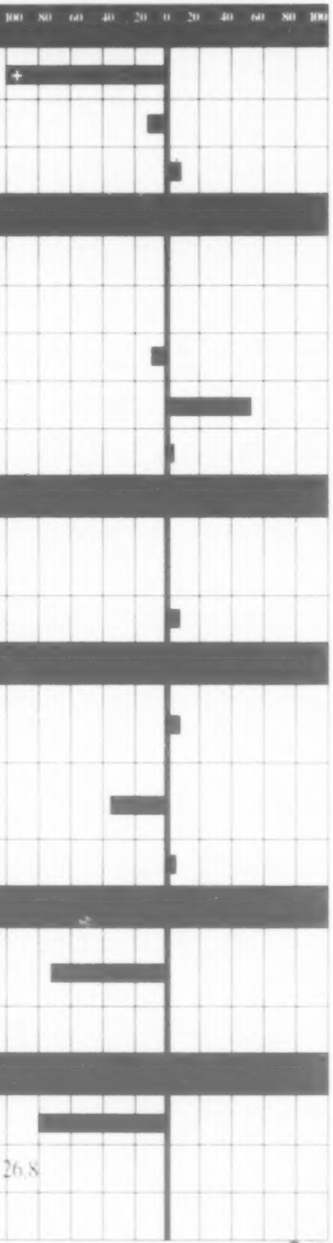
SMITH

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	3.0	1	2.2	1	9.2	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	21.6	216	24.9	6	24.1	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	10.2	179	14.3	5	18.4	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	68.1	0		.	27.0	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	21.4	0	.		7.6	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	88.0	38	84.4	6	84.6	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	60.8	37	66.7	3	57.0	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.4	1	2.2	2	6.5	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	0	27	67.4	2	44.0	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	20.8	168	22.3	5	24.5	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	78.9	57	91.9	1	74.8	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	9.6	7	15.2	6	16.9	
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	91.4	62	89.9	5	78.5	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	7.4	7	6.6	7	8.0	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	147.5	0	.	.	116.2	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.4	0	.0	3	40.1	
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times			51	24.9	3	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		42	20.5	6	22.6	



STAFFORD

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas	Percent Change Over Time (Worse ← → Better)
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.6	8	12.9	9	9.2	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	25.6	326	28.8	8	24.1	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	17.3	217	15.9	7	18.4	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	17.3	0	.	.	27.0	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	16.6	0	.	.	7.6	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.8	42	68.9	10	84.6	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	45.5	57	68.8	2	57.0	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.6	4	6.5	7	6.5	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	32	.0	10	44.0	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	17.3	202	18.4	8	24.5	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	79.9	60	85.7	2	74.8	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.6	14	22.6	9	16.9	
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	85.2	70	88.6	5	78.5	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	7.7	19	13.2	10	8.0	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.	1	409.6	9	116.2	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	8.6	21	15.4	7	40.1	
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times			42	17.2	1	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	.	.	.	22.6	

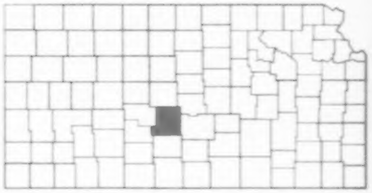


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,365	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.1%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	2.1%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,000	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.2%	5.3%

County Seat: St. John



STAFFORD COUNTY, located in central Kansas, has a population of just over 5,000. Citizens can be proud that the immunization rate climbed 51% and now exceeds the state rate. The percent of graduates pursuing post-secondary education and training is nearly 86%, making Stafford County a leader in the state. Also encouraging is the low percent of youth who report using alcohol or other drugs. Both rates were among the best in the state. Of concern is the rate of births to single teens. The percent of births with early prenatal care has dropped 12% and is now one of the worst in the state. Over one in five births to Stafford County citizens is to a mother with less than a high school degree.

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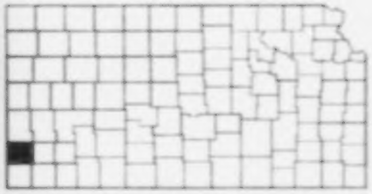
DEMOGRAPHICS
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,333	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	32.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	82.1%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	16.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,993	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources Labor Market Information Services)	3.0%	5.3%

County Seat: Johnson City



STANTON COUNTY

Stanton County, located along the Colorado border in southwest Kansas, has a population of only 2,333. Nearly one of every three persons in the county is under the age of 18. One-third of all school age children qualify for free school meals. While nearly 20% of the children live in poverty, less than 10% receive economic assistance such as food stamps or Medicaid. Stanton County can boast about its high school graduation rate of nearly 95% as well as its new Head Start program. Although the immunization rate dropped, it is still well above the state rate. Concerns for children are particularly strong in the physical health and safety area.

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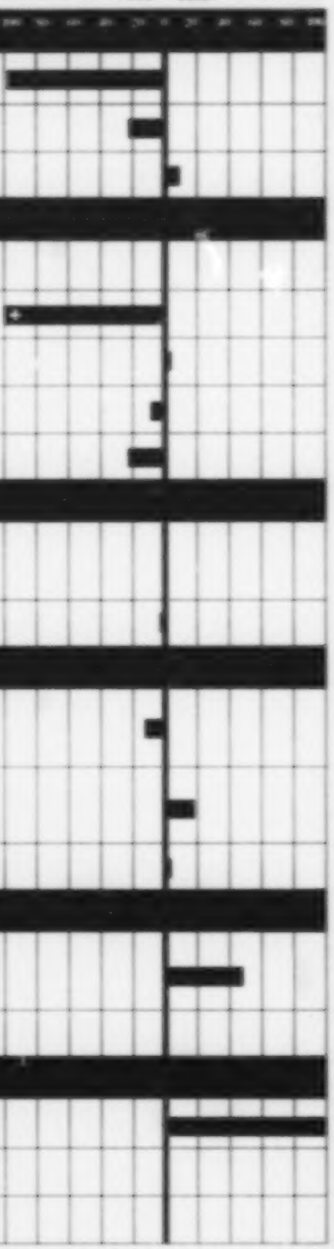
STANTON

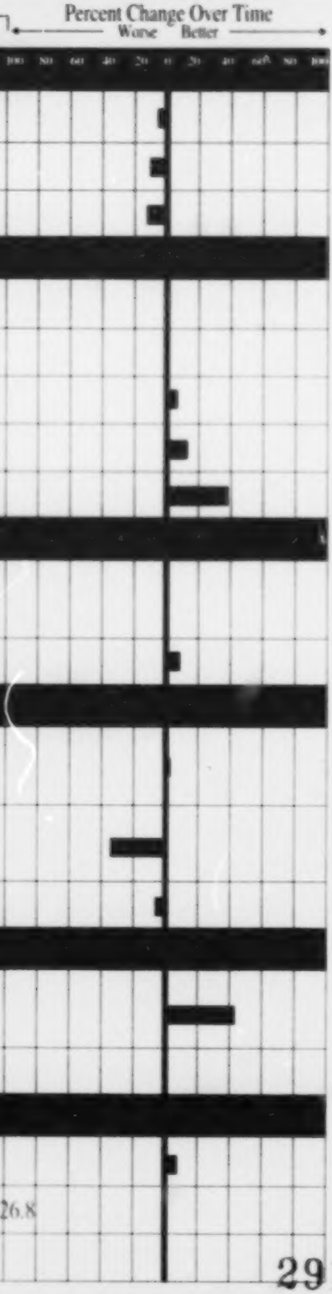
	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.0	5	11.9	8	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	27.1	189	33.3	9	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	10.7	74	9.7	2	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	134.2	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	4.6	1	23.8	9	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	74.8	32	76.2	9	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	72.3	26	65.5	3	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	7.8	4	9.5	10	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	20	49.7	4	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	15.8	90	15.7	9	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	91.0	29	80.6	3	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	35.3	12	28.6	9	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	92.4	36	94.7	3	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	2.6	1	1.3	1	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	132.7	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.0	0	.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	.	.	.	22.6

Percent Change Over Time



STEVENS

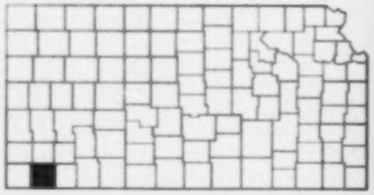
	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas	Percent Change Over Time
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	7.4	6	7.7	6	9.2	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	21.5	294	23.8	5	24.1	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	13.6	231	15.3	6	18.4	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	31.9	0	.	.	27.0	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	0	.	.	7.6	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	69.1	54	73.0	10	84.6	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	40.8	36	45.8	9	57.0	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.3	3	3.8	3	6.5	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	33	29.9	7	44.0	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	14.1	177	15.3	9	24.5	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	78.3	62	79.5	4	74.8	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	23.1	24	31.2	10	16.9	
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	90.8	78	84.8	6	78.5	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	4.3	4	2.4	2	8.0	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	233.1	0	.	.	116.2	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	7.8	11	7.3	5	40.1	
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times			.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	16.5	.	.	.	22.6	



DEMOGRAPHICS
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	5,048	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	30.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	87.6%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	10.9%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$30,462	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.5%	5.3%

County Seat: Hugoton



STEVENS COUNTY, located in far southwest Kansas, has 30% of its population under the age of 18. Citizens can celebrate that there were no infant or childhood deaths and no teen violent deaths in the county in 1994. Also of note is the new Head Start program in the county and the low out-of-home placement rate. However, there are also some serious concerns for children in Stevens County. The percent of births with early prenatal care is one of the worst in the state. Over one of every three births in Stevens County is to a mother with less than a high school degree. While the county improved its immunization rate by 12%, it is still—at only 45.8%—significantly below the state rate.

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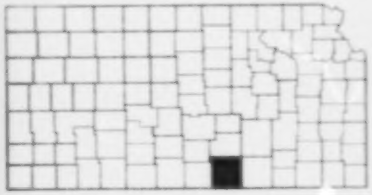
DEMOGRAPHICS
Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	25,841	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	29.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.6%	88.4%
Black	0.5%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	1.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	3.4%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,772	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	7.1%	5.3%

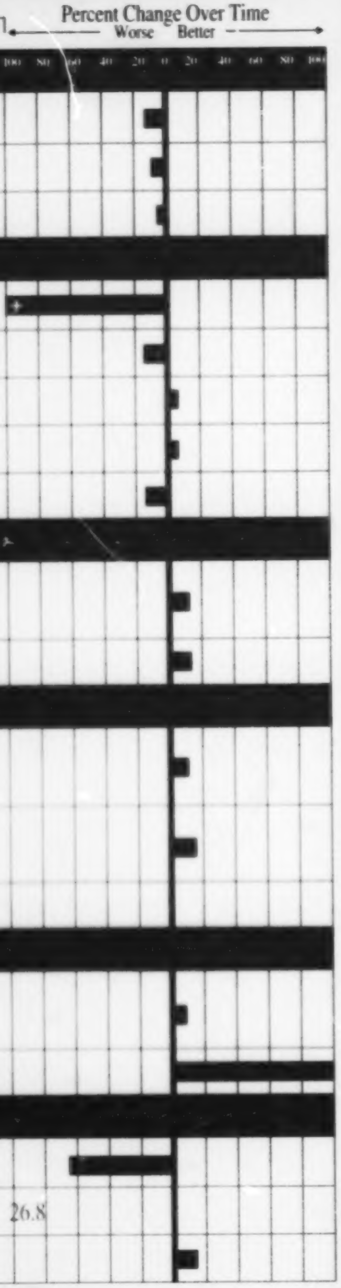
County Seat: Wellington



SUMNER COUNTY has a population of almost 26,000 and is located on the Oklahoma border. The unemployment rate for 1994 was 7.1%, an increase of 39% over the base years. The county can be proud of the availability of the Head Start program for low-income families with young children. The nearly 8% increase in the percent of births with early prenatal care is also a plus. Citizens may want to explore why the out-of-home placement rate is so high. The juvenile arrest rate increased 65% over the base years. In 1994, 323 Sumner County children under the age of 18 were arrested. The county may also want to take a closer look at the use of alcohol and other drugs by its youth.

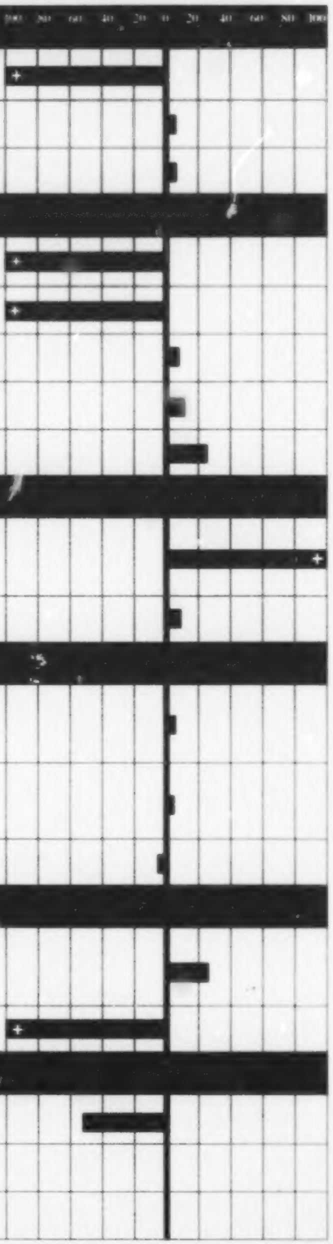
SUMNER

	County Base Rate	Current Year: Actual Number	Current Year: County Rate	Current Year: Decile Rank	Current Year: Kansas	Percent Change Over Time
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.7	35	9.9	7	9.2	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	19.2	1031	21.1	4	24.1	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	16.1	1210	16.8	7	18.4	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	23.0	3	47.1	6	27.0	+
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.4	3	8.5	5	7.6	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.7	305	85.9	5	84.6	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	56.5	201	60.1	5	57.0	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.9	24	6.8	8	6.5	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	86.3	77	96.8	1	44.0	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	16.1	1052	18.2	8	24.5	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	67.7	234	75.5	6	74.8	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	16.6	50	14.1	5	16.9	
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	88.3	310	88.3	5	78.5	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	14.7	107	13.2	10	8.0	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	58.2	0	.0	1	116.2	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	27.0	323	44.5	9	40.1	
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times			121	28.4	6	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	30.7	114	26.7	10	22.6	



THOMAS

	County	Current Year				Percent Change Over Time
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas	← Worse Better →
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.8	14	12.8	9	9.2	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	20.6	341	19.5	3	24.1	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	13.5	299	12.5	4	18.4	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	21.4	1	53.3	7	27.0	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	1.7	2	18.3	9	7.6	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.9	99	90.8	2	84.6	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	63.0	87	69.4	2	57.0	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.0	4	3.7	3	6.5	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	29.6	54	61.0	3	44.0	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	32.1	598	34.9	1	24.5	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	87.5	87	91.6	1	74.8	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	11.7	12	11.2	4	16.9	
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	91.1	95	87.2	6	78.5	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	4.5	8	3.3	3	8.0	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	53.8	1	145.7	5	116.2	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	37.6	137	57.7	10	40.1	
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		83	23.2	2	26.8	
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		55	15.5	3	22.6	

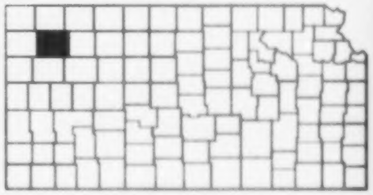


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	8,258	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.3%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.8%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.4%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$27,470	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.5%	5.3%

County Seat: Colby



THOMAS COUNTY, with a homogeneous population of over 8,000, is located in northwest Kansas. Many indicators for children in Thomas County are positive. Over 90% of births to Thomas County residents received early prenatal care. The immunization rate improved by 10% and the availability of Head Start and other child care is excellent. Thomas County residents may be concerned about the increase in the percent of births to single teens in 1994. The juvenile arrest rate also needs attention. Thomas County has one of the highest rates in the state.

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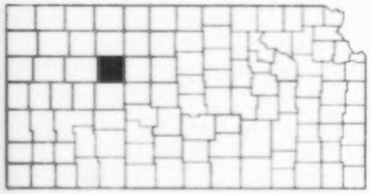
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	3,694	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.2%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.1%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.5%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.2%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,851	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	1.9%	5.3%

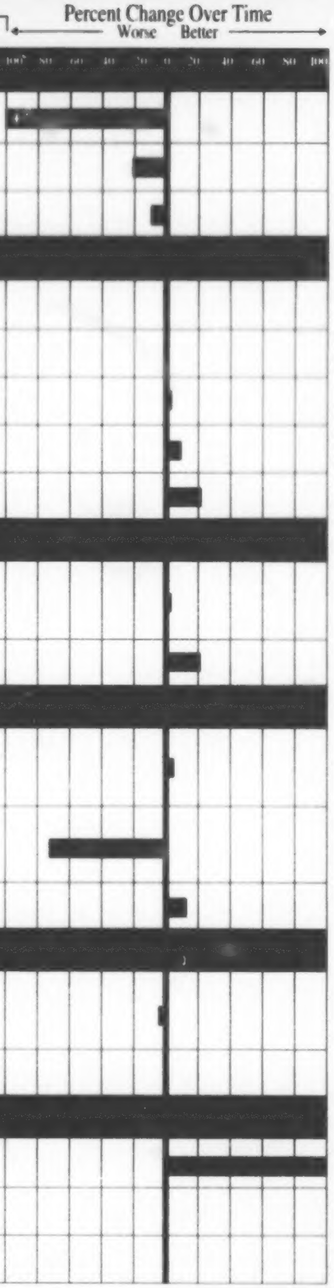
County Seat: Wakeeney



TREGO COUNTY, whose population is about 3,700, has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state. While the state unemployment rate for 1994 is 5.3%, the rate in Trego County is 1.9%. Most indicators of child well-being are positive in Trego County. Over 95% of births to Trego County residents received early prenatal care. Head Start availability is excellent and the graduation rate is 100%. In 1994, no juveniles were arrested, no children 14 and under died, and no teens died violent deaths. Trego County citizens might want to explore further the use of alcohol by its youth.

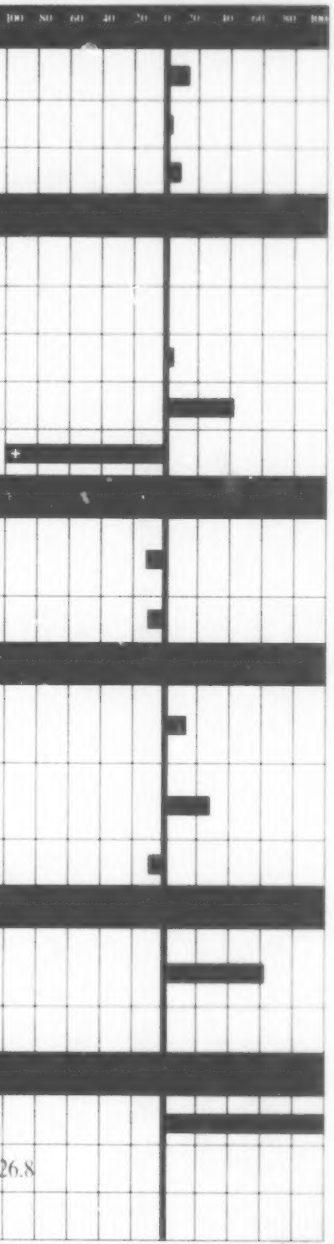
TREGO

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	1.7	3	13.6	9	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	19.6	150	23.7	5	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	6.1	71	6.8	1	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	77.5	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	11.6	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	93.6	21	95.5	1	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	58.8	18	64.3	4	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.8	1	4.5	4	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	66.8	7	67.8	2	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	15.1	122	18.2	8	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	76.3	35	79.5	4	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	5.2	2	9.1	3	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	96.0	44	100.0	1	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	7.5	7	7.6	7	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	6.3	0	.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		67	33.2	9	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	39	19.5	5	22.6



WABAUNSEE

	County	Current Year				Percent Change Over Time
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas	← Worse Better →
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.6	4	4.8	3	9.2	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	15.9	209	15.7	1	24.1	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	13.5	232	12.5	4	18.4	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	41.8	0	.	.	27.0	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	21.2	0	.	.	7.6	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	83.1	71	85.5	6	84.6	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	57.0	68	81.0	1	57.0	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	4.0	7	8.4	9	6.5	+
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	65.8	26	57.6	3	44.0	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	18.3	225	16.4	9	24.5	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	73.2	53	85.5	2	74.8	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	10.1	6	7.2	2	16.9	
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	87.2	62	78.5	9	78.5	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	4.4	3	1.7	1	8.0	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.	0	.	.	116.2	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	2.8	0	.0	3	40.1	
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times	-		106	32.9	9	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	63	19.4	5	22.6	

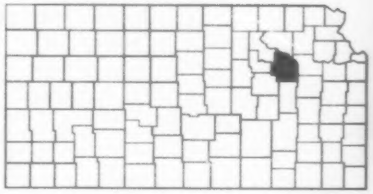


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	6,603	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	27.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	97.2%	88.4%
Black	0.6%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.4%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	1.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$31,802	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.4%	5.3%

County Seat: Alma



WABAUNSEE COUNTY has a homogeneous population of just over 6,600 people. Many indicators of child well-being in Wabaunsee County are positive. Particularly impressive is the 42% increase in the immunization rate, which is now one of the best in the entire state. In 1994, there were no deaths of children through age 14 and no teen violent deaths. Citizens in the county may want to examine the 10% drop in the high school graduation rate. Also of concern is the 33% of youth who report using alcohol more than 10 times.

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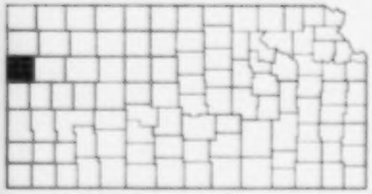
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	1,821	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	29.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	94.9%	88.4%
Black	0.3%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.2%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.2%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	4.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$23,950	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	3.7%	5.3%

County Seat: Sharon Springs



WALLACE COUNTY is a very sparsely populated county in western Kansas. Its median family income is considerably below that of the state. Many indicators of child well-being in Wallace County are positive. Citizens can be especially proud of the county's 100% graduation rate and the new Head Start program. One area where improvement is needed is early prenatal care. Only about three quarters of all births have early prenatal care.

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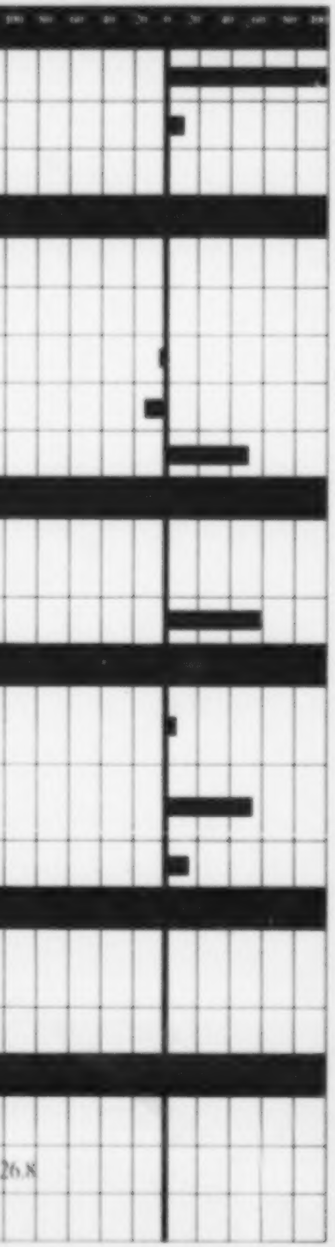
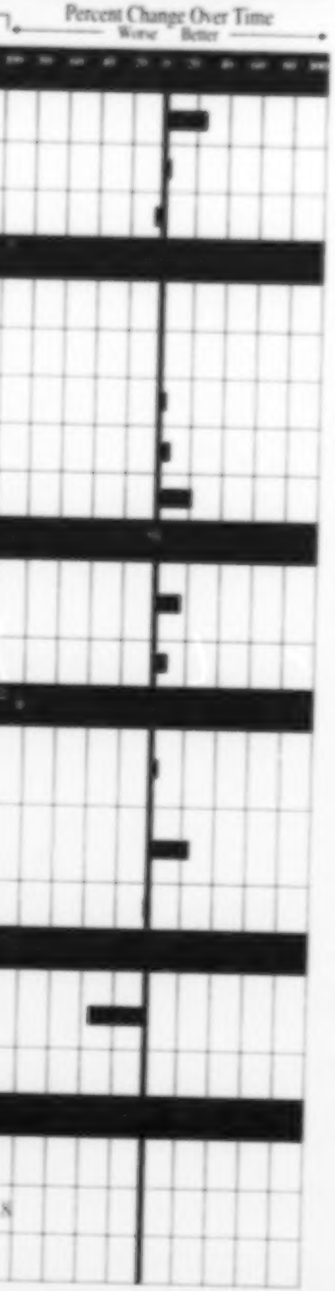
WALLACE

	County	Current Year				Percent Change Over Time
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas	◆—— Worse Better ——◆
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	6.8	0	.0	1	9.2	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	23.6	91	21.2	4	24.1	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	8.6	49	8.6	2	18.4	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	.	0	.	.	27.0	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	7.6	0	.	.	7.6	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.6	23	76.7	9	84.6	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	82.0	14	70.6	2	57.0	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.8	1	3.3	3	6.5	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	.0	18	94.3	1	44.0	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	11.3	66	18.0	8	24.5	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	79.1	20	83.3	2	74.8	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	15.3	2	6.9	2	16.9	
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	92.0	24	100.0	1	78.5	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	3.8	2	3.8	4	8.0	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	.	0	.	.	116.2	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.0	0	.0	3	40.1	
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times			.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	.	.		22.6	



WASHINGTON

	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.1	2	3.1	2	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	24.0	359	23.5	5	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	9.3	195	9.8	3	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	-	0	-	-	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.3	0	-	-	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	84.0	56	86.2	5	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	60.0	68	63.7	4	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.8	3	4.6	4	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	62.0	21	72.1	2	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	34.3	401	37.0	1	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	78.4	94	80.3	4	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	8.4	4	6.3	2	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	93.2	117	92.9	4	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	1.8	4	2.5	2	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	47.9	0	-	-	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	-	-	.0	3	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times			44	30.6	8 26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	-	-	-	-	22.6

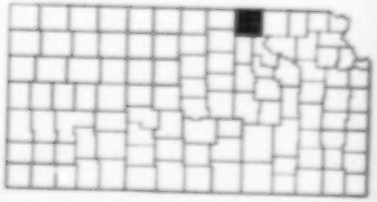

Percent Change Over Time

DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	7,073	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	24.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	99.5%	88.4%
Black	0.1%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.1%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.0%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.3%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,134	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	4.5%	5.3%

County Seat: Washington



WASHINGTON COUNTY, located along the Nebraska border, has a homogeneous population of just over 7,000. Most of the indicators of child well-being for Washington County are better than the state rates for those indicators. The availability of child care and Head Start is very impressive as is the very low rate of births to mothers with less than a high school degree. Citizens in Washington County might want to explore further the use of alcohol by their youth. Indicators point to a problem in that area.

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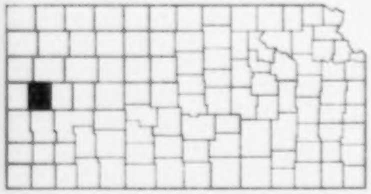
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	2,758	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	31.7%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	87.5%	88.4%
Black	0.0%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.3%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.3%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	11.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$25,288	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	2.9%	5.3%

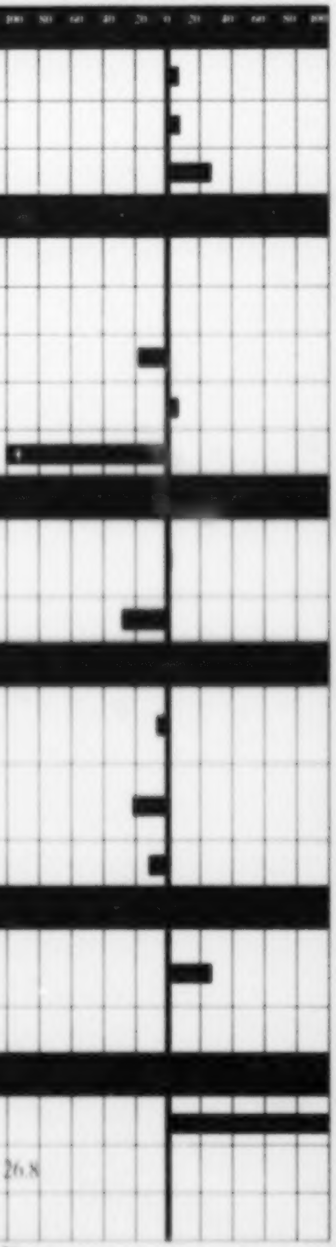
County Seat: Leoti



WICHITA COUNTY has nearly 32% of its population under the age of 18, while the state rate is only 26.7%. The county can celebrate having no deaths of children 14 and under in 1994 and no violent deaths of children 15-19. There were also no juvenile arrests. The educational achievement indicators for Wichita County are very troublesome. Only 70.7% of graduates pursue post-secondary education and training. One of every four births to residents of Wichita County is to a mother with less than a high school degree. In addition, child care does not appear available enough to meet the need in Wichita County. The low rate of births with early prenatal care and the high rate of low birth-weight babies is cause for concern.

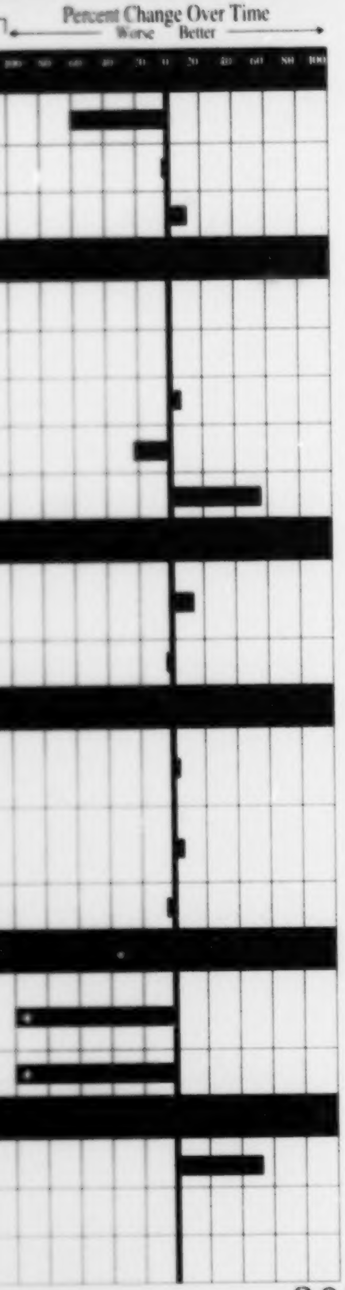
WICHITA

	County	Current Year				Percent Change Over Time
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas	Worse Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	5.9	2	5.6	4	9.2	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	24.7	140	22.8	5	24.1	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	14.8	101	10.7	3	18.4	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	27.9	0	.	.	27.0	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	5.4	0	.	.	7.6	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	78.8	23	63.9	10	84.6	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	57.3	24	60.5	5	57.0	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	3.8	4	11.1	10	6.5	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	49.1	12	49.5	5	44.0	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	14.8	68	10.5	10	24.5	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	75.4	29	70.7	8	74.8	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	20.5	9	25.0	9	16.9	
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	91.2	41	80.4	8	78.5	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	8.3	5	6.0	6	8.0	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	241.8	0	.	.	116.2	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	.6	0	.0	3	40.1	
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times			.	.	.	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	.	.	.	22.6	



WILSON

	County	Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	9.0	16	14.4	9	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	30.2	670	30.9	9	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	20.4	538	18.2	7	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	48.7	0	-	-	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	16.6	0	-	-	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	77.7	91	82.7	7	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	41.5	46	31.6	10	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.3	3	2.7	2	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	56.3	63	63.5	3	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	20.2	338	19.9	7	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	69.7	86	71.1	8	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	22.0	23	20.9	8	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	85.4	121	82.3	8	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	4.4	26	10.6	9	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	159.3	3	533.3	9	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	24.4	33	11.4	6	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		139	28.2	6	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs		107	21.6	7	22.6

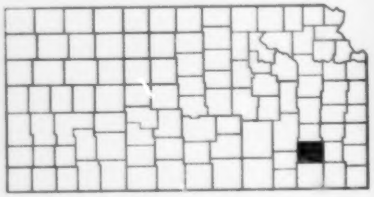


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	10,259	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	25.6%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.3%	88.4%
Black	0.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.7%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$23,635	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	6.1%	5.3%

County Seat: Fredonia



WILSON COUNTY, located in southeast Kansas, has a median family income of $23,635 compared to the state's median family income of $32,966. It is not surprising that nearly 31% of school age children qualify for free school meals. Citizens can be proud of the availability of the Head Start program and the 53% decrease in the juvenile arrest rate. There are some indicators of child well-being that could be cause for concern. The immunization rate for young children is very low and is one of the worst in the state. The out-of-home placement rate took a big jump, and there were three violent deaths to teens in 1994, more than a population this size might expect.

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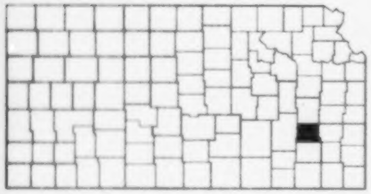
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	4,116	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	24.0%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	98.2%	88.4%
Black	0.4%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.7%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	0.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	0.6%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$24,185	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	7.7%	5.3%

County Seat: Yates Center



WOODSON COUNTY

Woodson County has a homogeneous population of just over 4,000. The unemployment rate jumped to 7.7% in 1994, making it one of the worst in the state. This county can be proud of its graduation rate of nearly 92%. There was also a sizeable decrease in the juvenile arrest rate in 1994. Problems in the county include a lack of availability of child care and a low immunization rate. In addition, it appears that 30% of youth report using alcohol more than 10 times, a rate in excess of the state rate.

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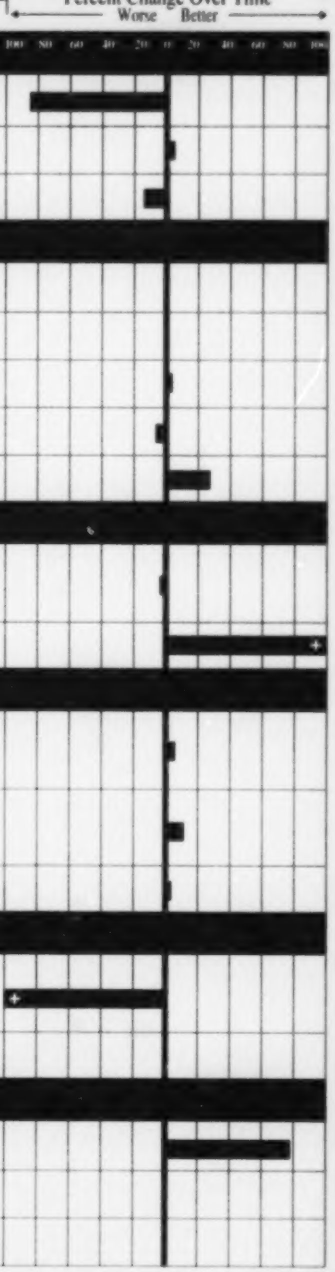
WOODSON

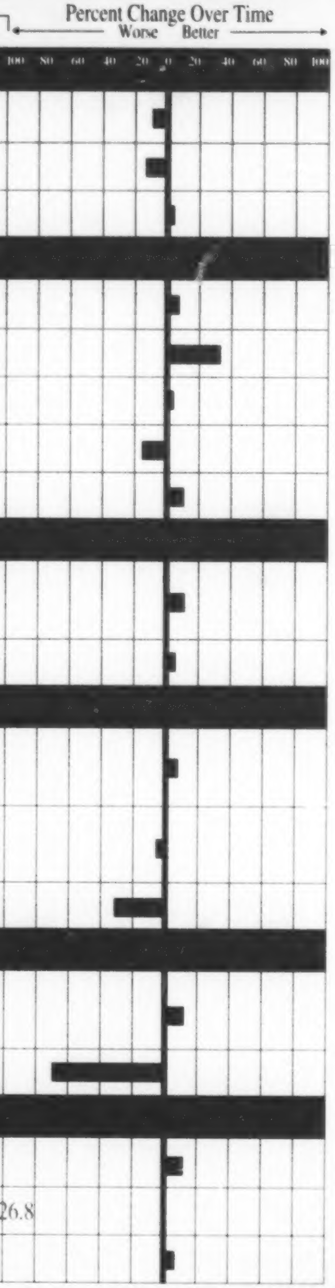
	County Base Rate	Current Year Actual Number	Current Year County Rate	Current Year Decile Rank	Current Year Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	4.1	2	7.7	6	9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	29.1	179	28.3	8	24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	18.4	214	21.0	8	18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	.	0	.	.	27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	.0	0	.	.	7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	79.3	21	80.8	8	84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	46.3	17	43.8	9	57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	5.3	1	3.8	3	6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	45.0	22	44.6	5	44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	4.1	76	10.4	10	24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	73.2	26	76.5	6	74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	17.2	4	15.4	6	16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	89.9	34	91.9	4	78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	1.0	3	3.1	3	8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	89.9	0	.	.	116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	27.6	6	5.9	5	40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		69	30.2	8	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	.	39	16.9	3	22.6

Percent Change Over Time



WYANDOTTE

	County	Current Year				Percent Change Over Time
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas	Worse / Better
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING						
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	17.2	489	18.0	10	9.2	
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	41.0	13927	46.4	10	24.1	
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	32.6	15446	31.8	10	18.4	
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY						
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	35.4	12	33.1	5	27.0	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	13.2	24	8.8	5	7.6	
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	76.5	2122	78.2	9	84.6	
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	37.0	659	31.0	10	57.0	
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	8.7	213	7.8	9	6.5	
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION						
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	46.3	1543	51.1	4	44.0	
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	17.6	6167	18.2	8	24.5	
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT						
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	64.5	958	69.2	9	74.8	
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	27.7	791	29.2	10	16.9	
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	79.4	1385	54.6	10	78.5	
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING						
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	22.7	921	20.3	10	8.0	
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	118.1	20	201.3	7	116.2	
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL						
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	36.9	1586	33.0	8	40.1	
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times			1372	25.7	4	26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	32.9	1670	31.3	10	22.6	

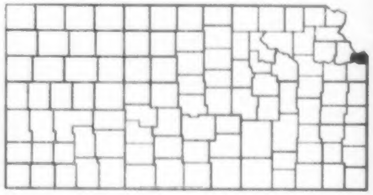


DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

	County	State
Population Size	161,993	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	28.4%	26.7%
Ethnicity		
White	64.2%	88.4%
Black	27.2%	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.6%	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.1%	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	6.8%	3.8%
Median Family Income	$28,672	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	8.3%	5.3%

County Seat: Kansas City



WYANDOTTE COUNTY, whose county seat is Kansas City, has a highly diverse population of over 161,000. The county's unemployment rate for 1994 is 8.3%, one of the highest in the state. Economic indicators for children in Wyandotte County are troubling. Over 46% of school age children qualify for free school meals. Nearly one-third of all children receive some form of economic assistance such as food stamps or Medicaid. Less than one-third of young children are immunized on time. In short, many children in Wyandotte County are experiencing a very hard time. On a positive note, the availability of the Head Start program is good and the percent of youth who have used alcohol more than 10 times is less than the state rate. However, nearly one in three youth report they have tried drugs (other than alcohol).

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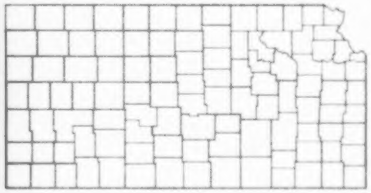
DEMOGRAPHICS

Based on 1990 U.S. Census

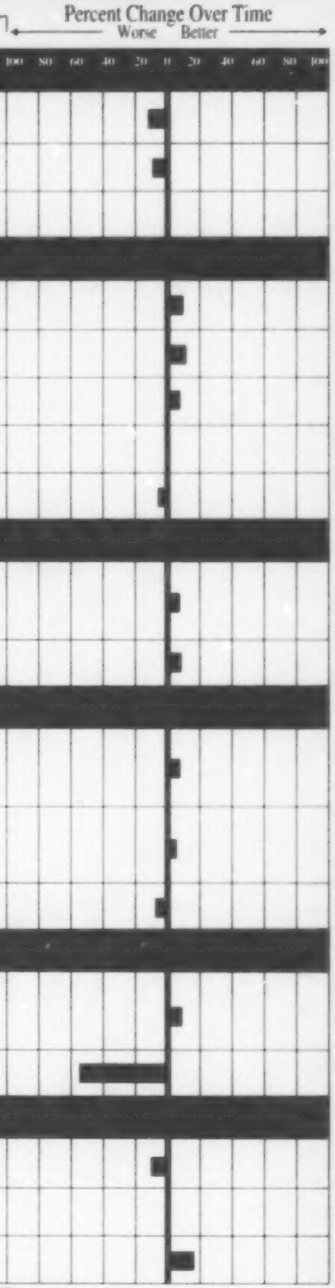
	State
Population Size	2,477,574
Percent Population Under Age 18	26.7%
Ethnicity	
White	88.4%
Black	5.7%
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut	0.8%
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.2%
Hispanic Origin (All Races)	3.8%
Median Family Income	$32,966
Unemployment (1994 data provided by Kansas Dept. of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services)	5.3%



KANSAS has increased the percent of Head Start participation. There have been moderate gains in the percent of high school graduates pursuing a post-secondary education/training. Two Economic Well-Being indicators experienced a continuing decline which was not good news for the children in Kansas. Of particular concern is the continued increase in the percent of births to single teens. Indicators which continue deteriorating are the teen violent death rate and the juvenile arrest rate.

KANSAS

		Current Year			
	Base Rate	Actual Number	County Rate	Decile Rank	Kansas
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING					
Percent of All Births That Are to Single Teens	8.2	3,424			9.2
Percent of Children Approved for Free School Meals	22.0	116,191			24.1
Percent of Children Receiving Economic Assistance	18.4	120,358			18.4
PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY					
Childhood Death Rate, Ages 1-14, per 100,000 Children	29.7	149			27.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births	8.7	285			7.6
Percent of Births with Early Prenatal Care	81.4	31,461			84.6
Percent of Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2	57.0	18,977			57.0
Percent of Low Birth Weight Babies	6.3	2,410			6.5
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION					
Percent Head Start Participation of Children 3-4 Living Below the Poverty Line	42.0	5,793			44.0
Child Care Availability Rate for Children Under Age 13	22.7	127,726			24.5
EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT					
Percent of High School Graduates Pursuing Post-Secondary Education/Training	71.0	18,935			74.8
Percent of All Births to Mothers With Less Than a High School Degree	17.7	6,256			16.9
Percent of Students Graduating From High School	83.6	25,319			78.5
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING					
Out-of-Home Placement Rate per 1,000 Children Age 18 and Under	8.35	5,606			8.0
Teen Violent Death Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 15-19	73.9	183			116.2
SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL					
Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Children Under Age 18	36.0	26,263			40.1
Percent of Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times		46,519			26.8
Percent of Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs	27.2	46,519			22.6



SELECTION OF INDICATORS

The selection of data for the annual *Kansas Kids Count Data Book* is an on-going process. It is impacted by the decisions of the project's funder, the Annie E. Casey Foundation; the *Kansas Kids Count* Steering Committee; and the projects' two partners, Kansas Action for Children, and the University of Kansas School of Social Welfare.

The Casey Foundation produces an annual national Kids Count Data Book and asks that each state project replicate the same indicators on a county-by-county basis in their state data books.

The *Kansas Kids Count* Steering Committee and the Kansas Kids Count partners make their indicator decisions based in part on the following criteria:

- availability of data for a significant number of the state's 105 counties
- pertinence of the data to policy making concerning children's issues
- direct outcome measures versus indirect measures (for example, does the indicator measure the actual high school graduation rate or the availability of high school dropout prevention programs for at-risk children?)

Data resource persons within each of the state agencies which provide data for construction of the indicators assist the Steering Committee and partners in their review of potential indicators. In addition to providing access to the data, these resource persons help determine the quality and availability of data and suggest new ways of presenting the data.

The *1996 Kansas Kids Count* indicators were determined after a great deal of discussion and research. Central to the discussion was the desire to obtain quality data reflecting current conditions and trends for children in Kansas communities. These considerations have led to the adoption of some new indicators, omission of other indicators and some modifications in the calculation of indicator scores and trends.

RETURNING INDICATORS

Absent from last years book due to data unavailability, we provide again this year data on alcohol use and other drug use by Kansas youth: *Youth Who Have Ever Used Drugs Other Than Alcohol* and *Use of Alcohol by Youth*. We derive both indicators from a data set consisting of a sample of close to 50,000 Kansas school children in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12. The questions pertaining to drug use were identical to those comprising the drug data we presented two years ago. As a result we are able to provide feedback on baseline data. Unfortunately the phrasing of the questions pertaining to alcohol use do not allow a baseline comparison. The use of alcohol and other drugs pose serious threats to the well-being of our youth. We hope to provide Kansas communities continuing knowledge of the magnitude of these problems.

CURRENT AND BASE YEARS

Current year data are provided for the most recent available year. Because of time required for agencies which serve as our primary data sources to collect the data used to construct the indicators and the time required to produce the book, the 1996 data reports 1994 data for many indicators as the "current year." For some indicators the "current year" is 1995. The reader is cautioned to check each indicator to determine the exact time period being reported. When available data permit, the base year rate will be the average rate for the five years preceding the current year. Data for all indicators is not available for five prior years and again the reader is advised to check to determine the exact time period covered for a specific indicator of interest.

POPULATION ESTIMATES

Data used in the 1996 book range from 1988 to 1995. Many of the indicators reported here rely on census data for a population count which is used as the denominator in calculating a rate. For example, Child Death Rate is the number of deaths divided by the number of children ages 1 to 14. Actual counts of the number of children by age group in each county can only be obtained in the decennial census. Estimates of the current population were obtained using a standard mathematical extrapolation procedure. Data from the 1980 and 1990 census were used to compute an average annual growth rate. This rate was then employed to derive the current population estimates.

DATA ANALYSIS

Rates are not reported for each indicator in each year for some counties. These missing data result from several sources. Sometimes data were simply not available for certain counties. On several occasions, available data were judged to be of poor quality and were not reported. For some indicators a county rate might not be calculated because it was judged to not be "meaningful." The last situation arises primarily in counties with small populations and with indicators which have low incidence rates in the general population. Any county which experiences at least one occurrence of an indicator event (e.g., an infant death) has a rate calculated. To judge where a zero occurrence was meaningful, we first calculated the expected frequency of the event in a given county based on the rate for the state as a whole. If the expected frequency is less than one, we do not report the rate and, thus, list only a "•". In this case, we are saying that there are simply too few occurrences of the event (e.g., births) due to small population numbers to have any expectation of the event in a single year. If the expected frequency is less than one and the county experiences one or more occurrences of the event, we calculate and report a rate. In this case, we are saying that the event would be unlikely to occur in this county due to the small numbers of people and the fact that it did occur is noteworthy. Nevertheless, many of these rates are based on very low occurrences of the underlying event and, as a result, may experience dramatic swings from year to year.

INTERPRETING INDICATOR RATES

This report provides several ways to judge the indicator score for a particular county.

- Decile ranks provide a comparison of the county relative to all other counties in the state. For all indicators, low decile scores indicate that the county does well compared to others while high decile scores indicate that the county does relatively poorly. A decile score of "1" indicates that the county is in the top 10 percent while a decile score of "10" indicates that the county is the bottom 10 percent. An unusual situation can occur when many counties show the same rate. When this occurs the decile rankings have to be adjusted. For example, since thirty percent of the counties had no juvenile arrests, there were no ranks of 1 or 2 given, and all of the counties with 0 arrests are ranked "3". This indicates that the county ranked in the top thirty percent of the state.

- A county's indicator score can also be compared with the state average or mean score. In this way, one can see if the county score is better or worse than the average for the state as a whole. Given the wide diversity in demographics across the 105 Kansas counties, it may also be helpful to compare your county with other specific counties that you judge to be similar with respect to important variables such as size, income or geographic area.

- It is also important to compare current county indicator scores with past base year data to determine whether the situation is improving or getting worse for a specific indicator. Percent change over time is presented for all indicators with base year and current year data. On the county pages a bar graph is presented where these percent change scores have been converted to indicate "better" or "worse" trends over time.

As always, we invite your feedback about the 1996 Kansas Kids Count Data Book and input regarding future productions of the book.

DATA NOTES & SOURCES

ECONOMIC WELL BEING

Births to Single Teens is the percentage of live births that occur to unmarried women under age 20. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Children Approved for Free School Meals is the percentage of children enrolled in school who have been approved for free school meals. Data are from the Kansas State Board of Education.

Children Receiving Economic Assistance is the number of children receiving any form of cash assistance (adoption, AFDC regular, AFDC unemployed parent, foster care, general assistance or refugee), medical assistance (child in state institution, extended medical, pregnant women and children, medically needy, disabled medically needy families, SSI disabled, special pregnant women and children or work transition) or food stamps per hundred children under the age of 18. Each child receiving one or more forms of assistance is counted only once. The count is obtained from a single month (June, 1995) and is, therefore, not indicative of the total number of children receiving assistance during the entire year. Data are from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

PHYSICAL HEALTH & SAFETY

Childhood Death, Ages 1-14 (per 100,000 children) is the number of deaths from all causes to children between the ages 1 and 14, per 100,000 children of those ages. Data regarding childhood deaths are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Total number of children is based on projections from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 1.

Infant Mortality (per 1,000 live births) is the number of deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births. The data were provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Births with Early Prenatal Care is the percentage of births that are to women who started prenatal care in the first three months of their pregnancy. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Kindergartners Fully Immunized by Age 2 is the percentage of children in kindergarten who were adequately immunized by age 2, based on a retrospective survey of immunization certificates at the time of enrollment in kindergarten. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Low Birth Weight Babies is the percentage of live births recorded as low birth weight. Babies of low birth weight are those who weigh under 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds) at birth. The data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION

Head Start Participation is the number of Head Start enrollment slots divided by the estimated number of children age 3-4 living in families with incomes below the U.S. poverty threshold. Rates are expressed as percentages. Data on Head Start enrollment slots are from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region VII. Data on children in poverty are based on projections from the U.S. Census, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 3. These poverty data are reported for children age 5 and under and not for 3-4 years of age. The proportion of children 3-4 was calculated from the total population of children age 5 and under. This proportion was used to calculate the number of 3-4 year old children in poverty.

Child Care Availability is the capacity of registered day care homes, licensed day care homes, group day care homes, child care centers and preschools per hundred children age 13 and under. The Child Care data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Population data are extrapolated from the U.S. Census.

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

High School Graduate Post-Secondary Education/Training is the percentage of the last year's high school graduating class which is enrolled in post-secondary education or training (four year college or university, two year college, other type of college or other non-college institution) five to six months after graduation. Data are from school districts' annual survey of graduates compiled by the Kansas Department of Education.

Births to Mothers with Less than a High School Degree is the percent of live births that occur to women who have not received a high school degree as indicated on the birth certificate. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Students Graduating High School is the percentage of ninth grade public school students who graduated four years later. It is computed by taking the ninth grade enrollment, subtracting the number of dropouts in each of the next four years and then dividing that by ninth grade enrollment. Data are from the Kansas State Board of Education.

EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

Reported Child Abuse/Neglect (per 1,000) is the number of child abuse/neglect reports per 1,000 children under age 18. Data on child abuse/neglect reports are from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Data on total population under 18 are based on projections from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 1.

Confirmed Child Abuse/Neglect (per 1,000 children) is the number of confirmed cases of child abuse/neglect per 1,000 children and youth under age 18. Data on child abuse/neglect cases are from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Data on total population under age 18 are based on projections from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 1.

Out-of-Home Placement is the number of children and youth who are in SRS custody and in placement outside their family of origin per 1,000 children and youth age 18 and under. Data are from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Data on total population under 18 are based on projections from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 1.

Teen Violent Deaths, Ages 15-19 (per 100,000 teens) is the number of deaths from homicides, suicides and accidents to teens between the ages of 15 and 19 per 100,000 teens of those ages. The data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

SOCIAL BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL

Juvenile Arrests (per 1,000 children) is the number of juvenile arrests (all offenses) per 1,000 children and youths under the age of 18. Arrest data are from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. Data on total population under 18 are based on projections from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 1.

Youth Having Used Alcohol More Than 10 Times is the number of youth in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 who indicated having used alcohol on more than ten occasions. The percentage of children in each county completing the survey varied. To aid in estimating the survey coverage for each county, the indicator sheet provides data on the number of respondents. Data are from the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center.

Youth Who Have Ever Used Other Drugs is the number of youth in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 who report having ever used any of the following substances: marijuana, cocaine, inhalants, LSD, or steroids. The percentage of children in each county completing the survey varied. To aid in estimating the survey coverage for each county, the indicator sheet provides data on the number of respondents. The baseline data represent responses to the same questions from a similar survey conducted in 1992. Because the coverage rate of the two surveys varies, comparisons of percent change data should be viewed with caution and consideration given to the number of respondents. Data are from the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Median Family Income is the median annual income for families. Families are two or more persons who are related by birth, marriage or adoption and who live together as one household. The median is the figure at which half the families have an income less than that amount and half have an income more than that amount. 1979 dollars are adjusted for inflation to reflect 1989 dollars. Data are from the U.S. Census Bureau, 1980 and 1990 Census of the Population, Summary Tape File 3.

Unemployment is the percent of the civilian labor force estimated to be unemployed. Estimates are provided by Kansas Department of Human Resources, Labor Market Information Services.

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